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EVIL MAKES WING TO ROOKY WOOD.

Watercolorist Nainsi Muirin of County Maggalloway reminds readers that according to Celtic legend, on the day a freestanding cross is set in place, evil will be gone within its view before sunset. With the rising of the next new moon, the reality of evil returns, and the future of the community that placed the cross determined by how its members acted during the respite.

Here, Muirin graciously shares her own vision of how the Innisfree Cross might look, returned to its proper home in the Mahoosuc Mountains.

Experts authenticate stone cross unearthed in remote Mahoosucs

The breath holding is over – it's official.

The carved-stone artifact unearthed last summer in the Mahoosucs' remote Innisfree hills is an authentic Celtic cross, dating from the Fifth or Sixth Century A.D.

The small Innisfree community received the word last week by Facemail, from Basil, Switzerland, headquarters of IBVAQ,* the international body responsible for authenticating worldwide archeological discoveries.

A formal announcement is expected tomorrow.

The discovery moves back by at least a millennium hard evidence of a European presence in this part of northern New England.

Medieval European chronicles *(1)* do contain tantalizing hints of "lands in the west," as well as attempts to reach them, but if pre-Columbian Irish rovers did find their way here, they vanished without leaving trace, either in the landscape or in the legends of indiginous tribes.

It remains far from certain, however, the general public will be allowed to view the 1500-year-old relic.

Until now

News of the IBVAQ certification was greeted with delight on the streets of Bethel.

Since rumors of the find began circulating last summer, the buzz in Maine's Most Beautiful Mountain Village's has been of how to monitize the find, by incorporating the Cross's cachet into "The Bethel Brand."

But one question hangs heavy over the discussion — whether the public will even get to see the cross itself.

For the moment, the rights seem to belong to a community of reclusive research-scientists cyber-hermits, more inclined to contemplate the cross (in their rare idle moments) then crassly cash in on it.

The lord of the clan is Arthur Pendrivon, a former MIT professor of software engineering, who retired here wealthy after developing an add-on Photoshop filter for instantly rejuvinating aging Irish skin.

According to a 2009 article in the WSJ, the Irish filter sold well enough, but real money came when he franchised the basic engine to developers for applications to other ethnicities.

Pendrivon started with Hibernian skin (or, as it's known in the biz, simply 'High Burn') because it was one the most vulnerable, for two major reasons.

One: Generations of natural selection in a cloudy, wet climate left the race with no natural protection to sun.

** Institut fuer Beglaeubigung von verschiedenem altmodischem Quatsch*

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SAD 44 board may take second look at February vote not to close AES

By ALISON ALOISIO

In a straw poll Monday, the SAD 44 School Board said "yes" to possible reconsideration of its February decision not to close the Andover Elementary School.

The poll came at the end of a board workshop discussion on a potential $300,000 to $400,000 increase in the overall local contribution for the FY'12 budget.

The increase was proposed as a means of sharing the pain between taxpayers and the schools.

On the school side, the preliminary proposal calls for cutting Woodstock Elementary School's budget by $120,000 and district staffing by $50,000. In addition, an estimated $15,000 would be saved through teacher retirements and $20,000 by closing the former Ethel Bisbee building.

In a late development Tuesday, the board learned that SAD 44's share of the Region 9 Technology School budget could increase by $100,000, leaving further cuts and/or tax increases in that amount for directors to consider at their next meeting.

The board was working Monday with a rough, total FY'12 budget figure of approximately $9.5 million, up $300,000 from last year.

The bottom line does not look as gloomy as it did two months ago. An increase in state aid and other revenue, coupled with a planned carryover of $100,000, have helped, Supt. Dave Murphy said.

Under the $9.5 million scenario, the individual district town shares would vary according to changes in their recent property valuations.

Newry's share would increase by $268,635, to $2.71 million. The next largest town

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Town Meeting Season

Gilead: 'the wrong building, in the wrong place, at the wrong time'

By ALISON ALOISIO

Gilead voters last Saturday rejected a proposal to buy the Cole's Custom Auto garage and use it as a town garage.

The vote was 58-32, as 95 of the 159 registered voters turned out for the annual town meeting.

Gilead's highway vehicles currently share space with the town's Fire Department at a small fire station on Depot Street.

Selectmen, under the direction of a special town meeting vote last November, had negotiated a purchase price of $133,500, $25,000 less than the amount the building was listed for by Maine Street Realty.

Fire Chief Ken Cole, who owns the property, said now would be a good time to buy because real estate prices and interest rates are generally low.

But some residents expressed skepticism.

Because the town bucketloader is used routinely at the transfer station, Selectman Jeremy Morin said the loader would likely remain there and not be stored at the Cole garage location.

"I know that one of the concerns is making sure all of the equipment is stored indoors. I feel that if we buy the garage, the bucketloader is going to

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Woodstock voters reject call for panel to consider wind ordinance

By ALISON ALOISIO

At Monday's annual town meeting, Woodstock voters approved a $1.13 million municipal appropriation, and rejected forming a committee to create a wind power ordinance.

They also learned their transfer station may be turned over to private management.

About 90 voters turned out for the meeting, in which they approved all the money articles on the warrant.

The only "no" vote on an article came early on, as voters turned down a citizen-requested article to appoint a committee to create an ordinance requiring a minimum setback distance between an industrial wind turbine and a residential structure.

Denise Hall, the vice president of Friends of Spruce Mountain, proposed the committee. FSM has opposed the planned wind turbine project on Spruce Mountain.

Selectmen said it was their understanding the committee would be restricted to crafting only the setback requirement.

A supporter of such an ordinance, Bob Elliott, spoke at length about it. A setback restriction, he said, would protect people and resources and provide the Planning Board with better guidelines for reviewing future wind projects.

In other parts of Maine, he said, noise from existing wind

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No vote yet on asphalt plant

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Bethel Planning Board has put off until April 13 a vote on the site plan application for a controversial North Road asphalt plant.

The applicant, Bruce Manzer, submitted the application nearly five months ago, and it has since been the subject of many hours of board discussion,.

At a meeting in late February, the board had targeted last Wednesday as a decision date, but early in the last week's meeting Chairman Al Cressy suggested that given the number of steps that still lay ahead, he believed another delay was necessary.

"Looking ahead at tonight's meeting. I believe we have a nearly impossible job ahead of us to finish the job tonight," he said. "It's important for us to do a good job on this. For us to do a shabby job does not do justice to anyone

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Letters

MANY OF US VALUE CHANNEL 11

To the Editor:

Say it isn't so! Just because the members of the Budget Committee never watch Channel 11 doesn't mean that there are no citizens that know a good thing when they see it.

I for one will miss the children's dance recitals, from the very young stars (adorable) to the polished teens who have learned so well.

Train videos that take us through Maine and our country, such beautiful scenery. Model trains and model airplane videos for hobbyists and the kid in all of us.

The Bethel Community Players plays are great fun to watch, there are people who cannot attend the live performances but enjoy seeing them on Channel 11. And many of us like to watch them again. (Maybe we missed something).

Area musicians -- some of professional quality to "budding" future stars. Such enjoyment watching, listening, and grading.

Those with visual problems will miss hearing the latest from The Bethel Citizen. This is their connection to our local news.

What parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, wouldn't like to see graduations, ball games, and activities of their families?

For visitors to the area (and us forgetful folks) Channel 11 is the perfect spot to check schedules for church services, locations of public suppers, library hours, various notices, etc.

I don't watch Channel 11 exclusively but I feel certain there are many more offerings for people with diversified interests.

I realize budgets are tight, but can't we give just enough to keep them on the air?

Alita Prada
Bethel

ALBANY MONUMENT SEARCH

To the Editor:

I am writing this note in hopes that it will trigger someone's memory of Albany during the 1970s.

A while back the Albany Improvement Association was approached with the following inquiry: "There was a monument on or about the Albany Grange Hall property that contained the names of relatives of this person. The monument was moved or removed when Hunt's Corner was rebuilt." Where did it go? Where has it been stored all these years? Does someone have it in there barn, attic, basement, or garage? What was the significance of the monument? If you have any information that can help us answer the inquiry it will be greatly appreciated. Please call after 5 p.m.to 824-3611.

Also the Albany Improvement Association would like to thank all those people who bought raffle tickets for our warming raffle. The Albany Picture Quilt was won by Carmen Maldonado. She was originally Carmen Martin from Greenwood. She now lives in Denver and returns to this area every summer to visit her mother. Don Benneft won the watercolor painting and Mike Colleta won the flameless candle. Again, thank you to everyone who helped to make our raffle a great success.

Gene Tanguay
President, Albany Improvement Association

TIME TO CONTACT GOV. LEPAGE

To the Editor:

Last Friday on the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, Maine governor Paul LePage announced plans to remove a mural from Maine's Department of Labor building painted by artist Judy Taylor of Tremont, Maine. The Portland Press Herald writes,

"The 36-foot-long, 11 panel mural depicts the state's labor history, including a shoe worker strike in Lewiston, female shipbuilders and striking papermakers in Jay." Gov. LePage also ordered the renaming of Department's conference rooms, four of which are named after women including Frances Perkins, the first female Cabinet member, and Marion Martin, founder of the National Federation of Republican Women. Another one of the conference rooms is named for Cesar Chavez.

LePage says removing the mural and renaming the conference rooms is part of an effort to make Maine more business-friendly. "I'm trying to send a message to everyone in the state that the state of Maine looks at employees and employers equally, neutrally and on balance," he said. "The mural sends a message that we're one-sided, and I don't want to send that message."

To me, the only message Governor LePage is sending is one that devalues the history of a diverse group of workers, including women, racial minorities, and children, whose stories are all too often unacknowledged and in danger of being forgotten. His message also ignores the fact that people organizing for rights like equal pay and safer working conditions have contributed to a modern business environment in Maine and across the United States in which communication and collaboration between employers and employees is more open and safer, creating a better work environment for all parties involved. His message is one that divides us rather than unites us, saying that what is good for business is divorced from the principles of equity, transparency, and human dignity.

Please take the time to contact Governor LePage by e-mailing him at www.maine.gov/governor/lepage/citizen_services/ideas-suggestions.shtml or by calling his office at (207) 287-3531. Let us act in the spirit of the disenfranchised workers in Judy Tremont's mural and show Governor LePage that our collective voice is stronger than the interests of the privileged few.

Amy Gaidis
Bryant Pond

ENDURANCE HORSEBACK RIDING

To the Editor:

The final Mahoosuc Land Trust Local Knowledge program of our 10th anniversary year of this series will offer "Endurance Riding" with Kathy Brunjes and Tom Hutchinson in Trustees Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Building, Gould Academy, Bethel, on April 1 at 7 p.m.

Having met in the early '90s Kathy and Tom have been riding together ever since. They have served on the boards of various local and national organizations. Kathy has represented the United States at many national and international events, in such places as Spain, Malaysia, and the United Arab Emirates.

Their power point presentation will focus on the endurance ride, which consists of from fifty to one hundred miles in a day under strict veterinarian-monitored conditions. The program will also include competitive trail riding. Such a ride can be from twenty-five to forty miles, run at a speed of 7-1/2 miles per hour. Since 1998, Tom has managed a competitive trail ride in Waterford, Maine.

Kathy and Tom stress the importance of trails access and land stewardship as they relate to their riding experiences.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is pleased to offer these programs to the public free of charge. Donations are accepted to help defray our expenses.

Frank Vogt
Board Member, Mahoosuc Land Trust

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL THANKS

To the Editor:

The Telstar Class of 2012 would like to thank the community for the success of the Chocolate Festival, which was revived this year at the Bethel Inn Conference Center on Feb. 13.

We would especially like to thank the Bethel Inn for the donation of the space, those that attended the event for their support, and the parents of classmates and members of the class who volunteered and baked. It led to the Chocolate Festival being a huge success, and greatly contributed to the Class's efforts in regard to prom.

Sarah Southam, Britany Douglass,
Kendra Carter, Ben Lewis, Adam Mahar

DAFFODIL DAYS THANKS

To the Editor:

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2011 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days in Bethel a great success.

Thanks to the businesses and individuals who pre-ordered bouquets, potted bulbs, and Boyd's Bears. Thanks to the people who purchased bouquets at the Bethel Foodliner. Thank you to the volunteers who sold bouquets at the store. The anonymous "Gifts of Hope" were deeply appreciated by those who received the lovely flowers.

Kathy Hanley, a Maine Handicapped Skiing volunteer from Plymouth, Mass., and Bethel, Maine, won the 2011 Boyd's Vear, "Live N Hope."

Caroline V. Gould, Coordinator
American Cancer Society Daffodel Days in Bethel

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increase would be Bethel, with a $31,398 hike to $2.52 million. Greenwood would increase by $23,096, and Woodstock by $15,013. Andover would decline by $23,884.

Board Finance Committee Chair Keith Smith of Andover presented some of the budget figures to directors. "If we made more cuts, we'd be talking about program cuts and school closures," he said.

Woodstock director Marcel Polak expressed concern about the WES cuts and asked if there might possibly be other places to save.

"We've looked everywhere," said Murphy.

Bethel Director Pat Nasta said she was concerned about further cuts at the high and middle schools.

Several directors asked about the possibility of reconsidering the board's February vote against closing the Andover school (closure would save the district approximately $214,000 a year). Directors also voted last month against WES closure.

Murphy said re-opening the discussion would tighten the schedule for having a budget ready for a public hearing in early May and a district-wide vote in June. But, he added, if SAD 44 voters reject a proposed budget in June, the board could face a school closure vote during the summer that could result in shutting down AES after the school year begins in September.

The board then took a straw poll on reconsideration. All those present except Andover Director Tim Akers said they would consider discussing the issue again. (In the closure vote taken in February, six directors voted against it, and the tally fell short of the two-thirds majority needed.)

In another straw poll Monday, a majority of directors opposed re-opening discussion on WES.

The next step, said Murphy, will be a discussion by the Finance Committee, and then a decision on whether to put the AES question on a future board agenda.

The next regular board meeting is April 11 in Andover.

Enrollments

Murphy was also asked to update the board on recent enrollments at district schools. Approximate figures are: THS, 265 students; TMS, 202; CPS, 300; WES, 75-80; and AES, 30-35.

He said AES enrollment is expected to drop to about 25 students next year. If the school closed, pupils would be sent to CPS.

Earlier Tuesday, Murphy was asked how many Andover pupils currently attend CPS. He said of the 44 total elementary pupils from Andover, 13 go to the Bethel school. Most attend because of parental choice, he said, and some ride the school bus. The number attending CPS has been fairly consistent in recent years, he said.

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to those who oppose this project, or to the board, or to the applicant.

"It's with difficulty that I'm suggesting we extend this," Cressy said, "but I really think we should consider strongly extending this for one more meeting."

Board members agreed, as did the applicant.

The board went on to take further input on, and to discuss the project for more than three hours.

In comments at the end of the meeting, several board members indicated they still had concerns about the application, especially regarding offensive odors from the operation and the proposed procedure for dealing with complaints.

As discussion concluded, Board Member Jon Cowan urged that definitive action be taken at the April 13 meeting.

"We're running out of time here," said Cowan. "We need to act. The time for talking is over. We need to go through the stuff and actually act on something."

Early in the meeting the chairman acknowledged the drawn-out, often contentious review process has taken its toll.

"This has been a source of anxiety for me," Cressy said. "My blood pressure has gone up."

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 11

The First Year: Settling In

I found where the Sears had had a garden. Grass was already choking out asparagus and raspberry canes though only one year of relaxed vigilance had passed. I must get this cleared out before winter. I noticed that the barn was attached to the woodshed, making a long straight line of building broken only by the porch. It had a southern exposure, a sheltered spot perfect for a perennial garden. Here would be hollyhocks to wave brightly against the weathered shingles, peonies, and spicy pinks. I would start right now to dig up the sod and prepare the soil. Going through the shed door in search of a spade, I ran smack into bundles and boxes. Before flower gardens were made, something must be done to create a little order from the chaotic conglomeration inside.

I walked around the circle of downstairs rooms. A Cape Cod house is a masterpiece of economy, providing efficiency and privacy in a small space. Nothing can be done to advantageously change the floor plan. This is not what I would have chosen but what I had. The same for the furnishings of varied periods, woods, colors, states of repair. I was baffled as to what would look best where and what to discard. I went upstairs; less to cope with there.

I did make one decision. We would not keep twelve beds for four bedrooms. Before any were eliminated, I would first choose the frames that I liked best and hope to find springs and mattresses that would fit them. Old bed frames were not made in standard sizes and here would be the rub. B.B.'s idea would be simply to keep the best mattresses and never mind the frames, thus eliminating a lot of shifting around. I knew that after twenty-one moves, he would indulge in what he called nest-feathering. I knew also that many things that we wanted and needed to do here were beyond my skill and strength. I must walk warily and not waste too much of B.B.'s time on unnecessary details. I waged that fall and winter what I thought was a secret maneuver but B.B. referred to the experience afterwards as the "battle of the beds." All this came later. Just now, invigorated by a decision made and cheered by empty closets, I could at least unpack some of the clothing.

This soon posed another problem: all things did not go into closets. What room would B.B. choose for his permanent quarters and what chest of drawers would match whatever bed was there? But I recovered my sanity, got a pail of soapsuds, washed out the drawers of two bureaus and put them out on a flat porch roof to dry in the sunshine.

From the north roof I heard whistling, looked towards the woods, there came B.B. and the team. I raced below to fix some lunch; had followed Miss Fan's suggestion to put up a thermos of coffee in the morning so as not to have to bother to get the wood stove at high heat at noontime. Most excellent advice as, though I had cooked on such a stove when I was growing up, I had forgotten just how to shift the dampers and what kind of wood to use.

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Our Back Pages

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10 years ago: A spring snowstorm dumped up to 24 inches of snow in the Bethel area and caused widespread power outages.

Leslie B. Otten resigned from his position at American Skiing Company's chairman and chief executive officer.

The BIG Adventures Indoor Rock Climbing Team participated in its first-ever competition at Bould Monty's in Nashua, N.H.

Births: Lucy Dawn Flynn, Emma Ryan Davis, Kaylee Jane Radcliff.

Deaths: Merton W. Perkins, Cecil G. Abbott, Marjorie F. Menzies, Doris Kathleen Lowell.

20 years ago: Despite a spring snowstorm and treacherous driving conditions, 46 Gilead residents turned out for their annual town meeting and approved an $80,745 municipal budget.

Lloyd Poland of Woodstock purchased the Trap Corner Store in West Paris at a foreclosure auction.

The Bethel selectmen signed a $560,477 construction contract with Scott Construction Company of Newport, Vt.,, for the town's Downtown Revitalization Project.

Birth: Lisa Marie Piccirillo.

Deaths: Stephen A. Andrews, Alice C. Colby, Harvey C. McGuire, Ormand H. Sandell, Thelma B. Stearns.

30 years ago: Representatives from the Army National Guard met with Bethel selectmen to discuss using the Town Farm property for training activities.

Plans were moving ahead for the upgrading of the playground at Ethel Bisbee School.

Eva Twitchell of Woodstock was named chairman of the M.S.A.D. 44 board of directors for the ensuing year, succeeding Harry Swan, Jr.

Births: Victoria Lea Coolidge, Michelle Marie Cunningham.

Deaths: Mrs. Wanda S. Powers, Mrs. Carla R. Bennett, Inez M. Farrington.

40 years ago: Telstar students Darlene Springer and Mike Davis had been chosen to participate in the annual All-State Music Festival being held in Skowhegan.

Arthur R. Gilbert was appointed postmaster of West Bethel.

The Bethel road crew had started their spring work by sweeping sidewalks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davis of North Woodstock celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

Death: Fritz Ernst.

50 years ago: The American Tel. and Tel. Co. announced plans to build a seven million dollar station for satellite communication tests in the Andover-Roxbury area.

The Bethel Jaycees sponsored a Poverty Ball with music furnished by Clayton Bane's Jazzmen.

At a special town meeting attended by some 200 citizens, it was voted to appropriate an additional $5,800 for the school maintenance account.

Deaths: Wallace M. Noyes, Levi L. Butters, Leslie G. Kendall.

60 years ago: The westbound morning passenger train was delayed about nine hours by a derailed tender near Danville Junction.

Births: Candice Louise Smith, Roger Ralph Brown, Jr., Thomas Cluese Powell.

Deaths: Austin N. Jodrey, Mrs. Florence E. Abbott, Robert Parent, Mrs. Mary Hobbs, Robert Gard Bennett.

80 years ago: Two men who had passed worthless checks in Bethel and nearby towns were brought back from Vermont by Deputy Sheriff Chester Cummings and Sheriff Frothingham.

The home of Miss Carrie Plummer, Waterford, was burned.

90 years ago: The new ferry boat at Rumford Point was completed, and in the river, about three weeks earlier than the year before.

C.M. Bennett had a crew working on his garage at West Bethel.

100 years ago: Over 200 attended the golden wedding observance of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis C. Billings.

Death: Mrs. C.M. Cushman.

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Gilead

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stay outside. We're not going to walk it back and forth that much distance," Morin said.

Others said a better option would be to build a garage on the town's transfer station property, off Bridge Street, because the loader would be there and the lot is larger than Cole's .5 acre.

Jay Milot described the proposal as "the wrong building, in the wrong place, at the wrong time. If we do this, the Fire Department is still stuck in [its station] with no land. It doesn't give us any room around it to operate."

He supported a suggestion by Morin to form a committee to establish a long-term plan for town buildings.

Asked about the Cole garage's appraised value, Morin said a buyer/broker had done a comparison with others in the county. Most of the comparisons were between $60,000 and $90,000, he said, but "there's not a lot in the county to compare."

The vote was taken by secret ballot early in the meeting. After the result was announced, some people applauded, and a number left.

Had the plan been approved, the cost to the town this year would have totaled $34,100. Other articles relating to the purchase were passed over.

Voters approved the other items on the 36-article warrant. Without the garage costs, the amount to be raised from taxes was reduced to $201,774, from $235,874. (School costs are not yet available and must be voted upon separately.)

Raises

As residents discussed an article to give raises to town officials, a heated exchange took place between selectman candidate Joe Boudreau (who had been defeated by Morin) and Town Clerk/Treasurer Lin Chapman.

Boudreau said he was opposed to raises, and claimed Chapman takes some of her work home rather than keeping the books at the new Town Office. Tax Collector Beverly Corriveau said she believed that Administrative Assistant Alicia McLean also did some work at home.

Said Boudreau, "They keep their stuff in secret from us. We don't know what's going on. That's why I ran." He also claimed office computers were taken home.

Retorted Chapman, "I've said all along if you want to see the books, come and see me." She also said her computer was in the office.

McLean did not respond to the comments.

Money management

Before approving articles to raise $2,500 for tax anticipation notes and $60,000 for long term notes, residents discussed ways to better manage the town's money.

Selectman Fran Head said if the town moved its annual meeting to June, residents could vote on the town and school budgets at the same meeting.

Because the school budget is not yet ready this year, a special town meeting must be called.

In addition, town officials said, changing Gilead's fiscal year (currently Jan. 1-Dec. 31) to match SAD 44's (which starts in July) would allow the town to issue tax bills more promptly after the town meeting vote, and therefore avoid borrowing for tax anticipation. Such a change was proposed several years ago at a town meeting, but was turned down.

Regarding the payment of long-term notes, town officials said a road loan will be paid off this summer, and the $60,000 figure raised this year represents a $22,000 drop in the amount raised annually in recent years.

Former selectman Mark Wigley suggested the town continue to raise a larger sum in future years, in order to pay off loans on a fire truck and the town office building sooner.

Morin agreed.

"Let's get the debt paid off, get ahead of the curve," he said. "Let's get a couple hundred thousand in the bank, so when we spend $400,000 we can pay it off in three or four years and not constantly be behind."

Highway Commissioner Fred Corriveau said town roads are in need of work, and money should be set aside for that purpose.

Morin said selectmen will be working on a better financial management plan.

In town elections, McLean was returned unopposed to her seat on the School Committee, and Morin was re-elected over Boudreau 57-37.

The meeting lasted just under two hours and was moderated by Paul Handlen.

Woodstock

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towers have reduced property values, and that "those people's lives have been turned upside down."

Elliott said another potential location for a wind project in Woodstock might be Mollyockett Mountain.

The highest elevations of the mountain located in the southern part of the town, he said.

Maxfield noted that Woodstock is currently represented on a five-town committee working on a common "boilerplate" wind ordinance that could be adapted for use in each town.

But residents voted 46-37 against forming a town committee.

Another ordinance-related article fared better, as voters approved updates that reduced requirements for Shoreland Zoning projects.

Among money articles, residents approved $15,000 to establish a fund to fix the Lake Christopher dam, which leaks.

The initial money raised would likely be used next year for an engineering study, selectmen said.

Another $15,000 was approved for the startup in the second half of this year of enhanced mutual fire protection aid with Greenwood.

Under the new fire department program, Woodstock and Greenwood firefighters will share daytime hours on duty.

The arrangement was recommended by both towns' fire chiefs because many volunteer firefighters are out of town for their jobs and cannot respond quickly to fires. Because the program starts in July, the cost is half what it would be annually.

Voters also approved up to $135,000 for a new plow truck and the equipment needed to go with it.

The funds will be taken from the Major Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.

Also approved was $112,000 for the G&W Transfer Station, up $4,000 from last year.

During the discussion on the article, a resident asked Maxfield if the town had been talking with Pine Tree Waste company about managing the station in the future.

Maxfield said discussion is currently underway with Pine Tree about such a plan, and the company is expected to bring G&W a proposal in the next two weeks.

He said after the meeting that dealing with the station has become a "headache" for selectmen and town officials. A special town meeting would be called to approve a contract, Maxfield said.

In town elections, Steve Bies was elected unopposed to the selectman's seat held by Bruce Korhonen, who chose not to run again. Marcel Polak was re-elected unopposed to the SAD 44 School Board, and Sonja Davis and Ed Howe were re-elected unopposed to the Whitman Memorial Library board.

The meeting, which lasted about two hours, was moderated by Steve Wight.

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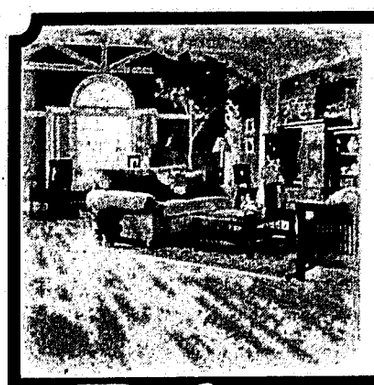

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Two: The other "Irish Problem" (also thought by many to be a lingering artifact of that climate), which plays its own rosy hell with facial skin.

Pendrivon's basic program features window with sliders for years and degrees of exposure to either cause of unwanted red-boost.

The filter franchises made Pendrivon rich enough, the WSJ reported, but it was the licensing fees for countless I-Phone and I-Pad apps that freed him financially to pursue his real life's work — researching possible ways to graft genetic codes, in utero, to living chromozomes (as has already been done on swine to reduce their production methane and thus help combat global warming).

To ensure the isolation he felt he needed to concentrate on the task, Pendrivon purchased a vast tract of former paper company land in the Mahoosuc outback, and set up his own, benign, feifdom – christened "Innisfree."

But unlike Yeats' island, this Innisfree features an ever evolving state-of-the-art satellite communication system — essential, Pendrivon believed, for the work he was determined to accomplish there.

Word of the project spread in cyberland, soon attracted a small, like-minded community of scholars and scientists, most of geek-monastic leanings, and all equally committed to Pendrivon's mission, in part because many of them were, or felt, themselves Irish.

Most had emigrated to the US in 2007, when the high-tech "Celtic Tiger" rolled over and died. *(2)*

Each acolyte was given a crude cabin equipped with full connectivity and access.

Beyond that there were few amenities — except, for those who could not fall asleep without them, lace curtains and a copy of Finnegan's Wake (Kindle version only).

Females were as welcome as males, but atavistic sexism did lingered in the assignment of roles.

For example, the thankless task of dealing with the inevitable press relations, was assigned to one particularly beautiful young disciple, Maeve Malarkey.

Formerly a rising star at CelTech, Malarkey one day simply dropped out.

Her hometown newpaper, writing of the disappearance, wept: "Yes, a sad case. One of the village's most promising young ladies, out doing us pride in The Big World, but then she suddenly disappears up her Blackberry and never returns another call."

But as it happens, your reporter's family has had a long association with the Malarkey line, dating back to shared steerage accommodations in the bowels of a late 19th century coffin barque.

Through that connection (and an e-mail query casually mentioning certain creds involving a smithy at Red Bridge in Providence) we were able to arrange an interview and photo op with the normally press-phobic Pendrivon.

Malarkey's reply urged that rather than endure a two-hour-plus ATV ordeal, we accept (should journalistic ethics allow) a courtesy helicopter ride to the Innisfree LZ.

A helicopter pilot (among numerous other accomplishments), she offered to pick us up herself.

We happily accepted, and a few days later stood watching as she dropped in from above.

She stepped out of the helicopter, introduced herself (pointedly shifting her surname's accent to its final syllable).

We had never met a Malar*KEY* from her generation, but she need not have said a word — the family's Black Irish beauty was instantly familiar, in a complexion long-since colonized by the genes of marauding Iberian pirates.

We clambered aboard, Maeve checked our seatbelt, took joystick firmly in hand, off we shot.

As we had agreed in our e-mails, she used the flight time to fill in the Innisfree backstory.

"You're familiar with Arthur's resume, I'm sure, so I'll move on to the colony's social architecture and heirarchy.

"We decided to envision ourselves as a post-modern round table," Maeve said.

"It's a bit tongue in cheek, certainly, but any community needs a social structure, and ours reminds us of the important quest we signed on for.

"Those who left tenured positions to join us, (or private-industry research gigs with stock options) were given the title of 'knights': others start as 'squires' and have to earn our spurs."

"Also, to keep fresh blood and new ideas flowing, we established a visiting-scholars retreat (along the lines of the artists' colony, such as MacDowell, in the nearby Monadnocks).

"Like an artists colony, we offer both long- and short-term residencies for researchers whose work will benefit from Innisfree's unique combination of isolation and connectivity.

"Soon Innisfree residencies became much coveted scores in the higher reaches of techno-academentia."

Le Kepra Moment

"Prestigious, certainly," she said, "but there is also intense pressure to produce, and these types can be wired a little tight. Not all of them can take it.

"Last summer a theoretical crypto-semiotician from the Sorbonne flipped — a mushroom cloud of Gallic rage, on a scale previously associated only with certain dehumanizing pharmaceuticals, or prolonged exposure to Rite Aid Christmas muzak.

"A couple of the boyo's had to wrestle him into a straightjacket for the flight back to Bethel."

Spirited discovery

As for the actual discovery of the cross, it was fortuitous, or, if you think it makes for a better story, foreordained.

"To help break the tension, a few of us squires had evolved a spiritual exercise: picking down slowing through a Native American midden we found by on the bank of Lillithy, a stream a couple of hundred yards or so east of the main house.

"The koan was to contemplate the significance of each item held in our hand, until we partook of its essence, then place it on a small raft of leaves, and launch it back into the eternal flow.

"The older knights thought the whole effort a unconvincingly sublimated exercise in adolescent naval-gazing.

"If they're that into self-absorption," opined Sir Lorem Ipsum (seldom at a loss for words), "why don't they just read Proust?"

"It could get a pretty snarky at High Table.

"The lapsed-Papist collegium of greybeards outdoing each other in pseudo-scholastic expositions on the relative levels of enlightenment (or, according to some studies, cortical enhancement) to be gleaned by staring at the bones of long-gone fish, deer and mammoth, or, if a digger got real lucky, the occasional reject arrowhead.

"But to their chagrin, it was GenDireStraits that made the colony's first major discovery — the cross.

"From the depth, we estimated mid-First Millennium, A.D.

"As you might imagine, the knighthood was initially skeptical, most believing the cross a hoax — retaliation, doubtless, for their own rapier sarcasm.

"'They *found* it, sure,' Sir Benny Bulbin opined, ' — at a yard sale.

"'It's obviously one of those Celtic Revival knock offs, from the late-19th/early-20th centuries. They smuggled it in and planted it in the pit.'

"To settle the matter, all digging was stopped, leaving the cross as much as possible in situ, the site was covered with a tarp, and Arthur called up a former colleague, a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Archeology from MIT.

"It looked real enough to her, and — knowing dissertation fodder when she saw it — she suggested putting some favored grad students on it.

"But we decided instead to bump it up to IBVAQ, which responded promptly and sent a team over last fall.

"To occupy us squires while we waited for the word, we were all put to work searching for the spot where the cross was originally located.

"Almost invariably, Celtic crosses are found at high points, so we scoured the hilltops and quickly found what we're pretty sure is the cross's plinth, just up the hill from the main house (built on the south side of the rise).

And as for having planted the cross here ourselves, IBVAQ certification settles that matter," she said.

"Even better," she added with an uncharacteristic giggle, "it sure sucked wind out of those high-table blowhards. For days after we got the word, you'd see lonely knights (not really as 'lapsed' as they like to let on), wandering alone, muttering to themselves and fingering imaginary rosary beans.

"But, sadly, IBVAQ can't tell us what happened to the small community who placed the cross where they did,

"Or why they were here in the first place," she said, as we approached the LZ.

"Can't rule out 'by mistake.' Save for St. Brendan, the Emerald Isle did not produce a lot of blue-water navigators. This crew might well have left Mayo thinking they were bound for sunny Spain."

She dropped us gently, and precisely, to our destination.

Himself

Maeve escorted us to the Main House.

It was starkly Bauhaus, enclosing not the timbered Great Room inevitably encountered in upscale digs hereabouts, but rather a vast and silent white chamber, illuminated by large windows, clear, but for swirls of stained glass galaxies and molecules.

Without further ceremony, she vanished.

We stood alone staring, absorbed in the stillness, drifting deeper and deeper, until reverie was interrupted by a basso from somewhere in the hinter depths.

"You were expecting clay and wattles?"

Pendrivon emerged in the flesh, not at all what we had prepared for.

His rare personal appearance in cyberspace suggested an angry, aserbic scold.

The online Pendrivon, for example, was particularly withering in his dressing down of scientists he believed to be driving precious research dollars down blind allies.

"When the global-warming head-in-the-sanders ['It does put their best face forward,' he conceded] and their tardy-peeing politico toadies take over fully," he thundered, "the only money will come from shell foundations devoted to proving Galileo wrong, and that the sun actually revolves around the bottom lines of their corporate funders."

So we had braced for Darth Vader, but were greeted by Burl Ives.

Red-bearded ("Helps hide the zip pits"), burly, he looked more the aging alpha male of a cave bear clan than the funding father and guiding spirit of a scientific colony.

Back in the day, he would have not been out of place at 6 of a workday morning, bellied up and swapping guy-gossip at the Red Top.

And he opened not with a rant, but an apology.

"I'm sure it seems preposterous for a wannabe hermit to need a personal assistant, but Maeve's an angel of a pilot, and a razor-tongued harpy when it comes time to 'shoo' away the grant grubbers.

"And you slow-news-week scribblers," he added, throwing an arm over our shoulders. "Let's take a hike, and I'll show you 'the crucifix in the garbage pit.'"

No, uh, what?

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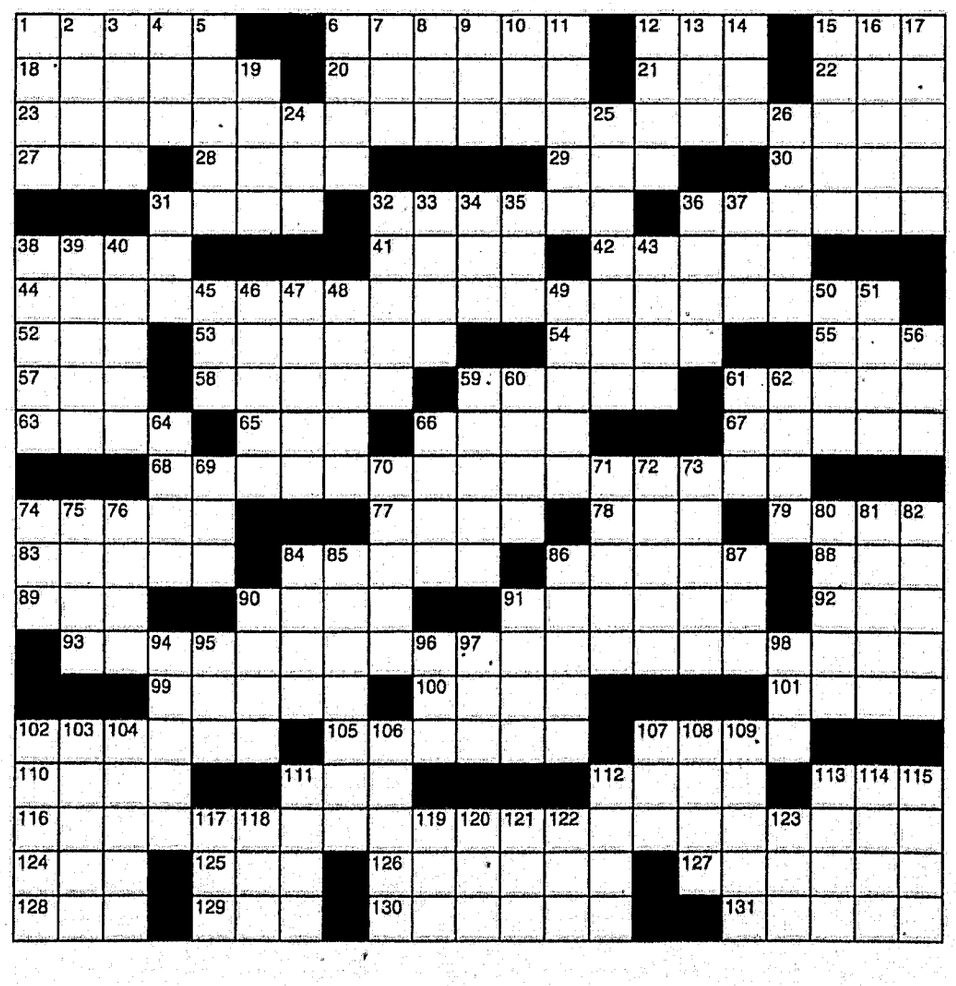

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all with equal access to satellites?"

"Well," he said, "the Bethel Airport is certainly handy, and the other incidentals are pleasant enough: Most of us came from little academic or corporate oasisi, so we need a good bagel now and then, and when a resident fellow is ready to depart, we traditionally toast their visit in the pub at 'The Foggy Dew'.

"But it's really about the bedrock."

"The bedrock???"

"I'll explain.

"We are standing as we speak on what is normally a subsurface strata, one which undulates through the Earth's crust like a serpent, and has extremely rare outcroppings, most, like Karnac, Delphi, Bethlehem, in 'The Cradle of Civilization,' the Middle East.

"Oh, yes — there's also Mt. Ararak, where the Biblical ark is believed to have made landfall.

"There are rumors of other such outcroppings half a world away, under cabins in rural Idaho, but those spots correlate less with evidence of civilization than with frequent UFO sightings.

"Geologists have speculated on how such an anomalous stratum came about, but none of their theories are convincing. The layer remains a mystery."

We fessed up that we had never heard of such a formation, nor did local rock-hound lore make any mention of it. (Not that we're so naive as to think those guys would ever tell anybody what they really know.)

"That's quite remarkable," Pendrivon said, clearly puzzled.

"Never heard of it? Noah 'Schist'?

"When I was searching for suitable land, a place with the right feng shui for a colony of the sort I had in mind, I tossed the question to the old-boy academic network, just to see what they might suggest.

"Eventually a friend of a friend faxed a copy of a late 1960s' submission to an obscure geological journal.

"The manuscript described the first known surfacing of N. Schist in the eastern Americas, an outcropping that makes up the very hill we're walking down now.

"Apparently, though, the discovery was quickly covered up. The then-owner of the timberland, paranoid the finding would trigger some form of federal government involvement, paid off the geologist who made the find, and the article was withdrawn and never published

On site

"It's clear, Pendrivon said as we approached the midden, that whoever came later, and moved the cross from its original site to this lowly hole was at great pains to consign it to the bonebin of prehistory.

The cross is probably about ten cubits tall, and must weigh well over a ton, so moving it that far, even downhill, would be a real schlepp, and there are signs on it of some form of ritual mutilation along the way.

"Perhaps the folks who came after the Celtic band, like the timberland owner, sensed this was a genius loci best left bottled up."

The valley was now shaded and dark, the section of the cross, in its ignominious pit, unprepossessing.

Its style was archaic, a simple carving, without the filigree and bas-relief dungeons-and-dragons themes of later, more Baroque crosses — a style of its own, which lives on to this day in head-shop jewelry and tattoo-parlor templates.

Given the circumstances and setting, we felt a camera flash would be a desecration, so we simply stared in silence

Then turned and, with Pendragon, headed back up the path toward the Main House.

Nocturnal commission

We asked Pendrivon what had led him to his quest.

"In the genes," he replied.

Despite his Arthurian surname, Pendrivon said, he was in fact more than three-quarters Irish himself.

"Granpa P. referred to himself as 'the Anglo in the peat pile.'

And his family had endured all the ills attendant to descent from the Auld Sod.

"My mission was assigned when I was still a callow undergraduate," he said, "scholarshipped uptown to Harvard, far from the good sisters, and Father 'With his Hand Again' Flannigan.

"It came, per usual, in a dream, the messenger a slyph of colleen, more aetherial than any girl or woman I'd ever seen (let alone touched), growing up in Southie. Her skin so smooth and glowing it made a baby's bottom look like badlands on the backside of the moon."

The dream quickly dissolved into one of "those" dreams, he admitted, without shame.

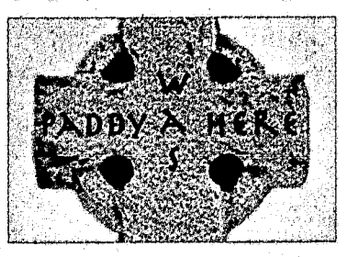
"They're a poor trait of young men; no doubt, but in this case, as in most, Mother Nature had master plan. I awoke the next morning knowing I had been put here for one thing only: To forge, in the smithy of my server, a sleek, unblemished epidermis for my race,

"It being a skin thing, superficial, I started at the Photoshop 'background' level.

The big question

It was finally time to ask the question obsessing the Bethel boosters: Would public viewing be allowed?

Last summer, as rumors of the find began to trickle out, The Bethel Tourist Bureau, believing the cross to be a potential horn-of-marketing plenty, alertly staked a claim to promotional rights, based on the presence here of an "Irish Neighborhood" (suitably stuck outside the village proper, in a southside bog).



But word soon came down from on high (haut Paradise itself) firmly scotching that strategy.

The gentry felt connection to things Irish was unfortunate, and hardly something one would care to advertise.

So BTB went back to its basics, rocks and snow sculptures.

"A holy relic carved from our own, like, bedrock," gushed one Bureau rockette.

"That's even hotter than a vibrating tourmaline. Doesn't it just, like, give you the zithers?"

And we're sure none of our readers need a newspaper to tell them what form of crystallized creation the BTB has penciled in for Winterfest 2012, already themed: "Bethel, America's First Station of the Cross."

The predictable sculpture will make WinterFest 2011's Inverted Icicle look like ... well, an upside-down icicle.

Not to mention help quiet derisive Web giggles about Bethel, fueled by widely circulated, and adolescently morphed, images of the icicle in its erect and dribbling glory.

But winter is only one season.

The bureau is currently blue-skying warmer-season projects, beyond the obvious T-shirts and carved-wooded crosses.

Suggestions are welcomed, but the favorite high-concept attraction so far is offering guided ATV group rides out to the real thing, starting on a woods trail paralleling the Mayville strip, then winding out through the mandated greenspaces of sprawling log-sided Levittowns.

Arriving at the cross noonish, the caravaners would enjoy a catered lunch, while sharing holy moments sitting together, ring around the cross, butts snug in one-of-a-kind KITSCHforthedeck lawn chairs (each available for later purchase).

For a somewhat steepish premium, private moments alone with the cross could also be arranged.

But such marketing opportunities all assume the colony will allow public access, and that is far from certain.

"That's a tough call," Pendrivon said.

"We are of two minds: Some feel we should regard the cross as a treasure for all mankind, and hence allow anyone who wishes to experience it for themselves.

"Others are equally adamant that the cross is an embodiment of the spirit of Innisfree, and to tar it with the stink of commercialized tourism would be sacrilege.

"And there's admittedly an element of self interest.

"Our own tiny, self-selected clan is here is also here for a reason, an important reason — and one that is hardly compatible with caravans of 'looker people' (your elegant tourist-bureau speak, I believe, for what the rest of the world calls 'gawkers').

"But, hey, we're scientists — What do we know about these kinds of philosophical conundrums?

"So the plan is to call up a few Jesuit friends and turn them loose on the problem.

"For the moment, though, the cross will be receiving no outside visitors.

"We have malice toward none, but there was a reason the cross carvers put it where they did.

"Perhaps they were communicating with some force in the schist itself, a force modern man has become oblivious to.

"In any case, we will never know that reason, but certainly isolation was a factor, and we must respect their wishes.

"We might, though, give the cross a Facebook page and let the mob 'friend' it.

'Cheers'

We broached a one final, but touchy question— one we had not prepared ahead of time, but felt was appropriate in light of Pendrivon's earlier candor regarding his family background.

Summonsed all the cheek we could muster, we asked that if the skin thing worked out, did he have any plan to move on and rewrite the genetic code responsible, at least as scapegoat, for the other "Irish problem"?

Perplexion flickered, but was quickly flushed away by a grin.

"You have to pick your battles," he said. "I've been blessed by being assigned a mission, and if I am ... make that 'we are' ... further blessed by being able to complete that mission, and the clan succeeds in demonstrating the computer/genomic codices can be manipulated, married and produce viable offspring, there's no limit to what the future holds, for all of mankind.

"But frankly, given that it took 20 billion years to produce Crystal Palin, or your Governor GlueStick (himself a few follicles short of the full toupee), who apparently believes estrogen causes women's faces to sprout 'little beards' — it's hard to be overly optimistic.

"What comes after us comes after," he said.

We walked on unhurriedly, in companionable silence, finally nearing the top of the rise.

The Main House was again in view, outlined in the Innisfree twilight.

In its spreading penumbra, our paths of thought converged.

"So," our host asked, "young Maeve awaits, ready to whirl you back to glossy 'Wherever's-Most-Whatever-Village Land.

"Or, perhaps before you arise and go, you'll stay the night and be lifting a pint with the lords?"

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(1) The most definitive such reference is found in the 13th Century "Annals of Paletwaithe," a chronicle of Ireland's medieval history, compiled by monks in the still-active monastery bearing that name.

The annals make specific reference to hoped-for destinations in "lands of the west" when describing the late-Sixth-Century diaspora that followed the first parsnip blight.

A less reliable, but nonetheless intriguing, reference occurs in the snappily titled 12th-Century bestseller 'Bestiarum Singularis Animus', a pop typology of hermits. An entry describes small bands of druidical hermits driven from Ireland by the Fifth-Century onslaught of St. Patrick's Catholic minions. According to legend the druids sailed west in search of "lands warmed by the resting sun," but were pursued even at sea by zealous proselytizers intent upon their conversion. Scholars surmise the druids, whose religion makes a fetish not only of their sacred standing stones, but also of their "hoodies," confused the mandatory conversion ritual of circumambulation ("Turn, turn, turn") with another, but by then non-mandatory, baptism rite — and fled in manly panic.

(2) Eire's subsequent economic meltdown rekindled calls in an exasperated E.U. Parliament to finally "do something about those hapless harps."

Extremists called for belated implementation of Jonathan Swift's 1729 "Modest Proposal": That the babies of poor Irish be fattened, either for market or to be served as tasty morsels at their English landlords table. "I grant this food will be somewhat dear," Swift wrote, "and therefore very proper for landlords, who, as they have already devoured most of the parents, seem to have the best title to the children."

More moderate voices urged the Parliament to adopt Otto von Bismark's 19th Century proposal to solve the Irish problem: Mandatory swapping of the populations of Ireland and the Netherlands.

Within a generation, the Iron Chancellor predicted, the industrious Dutch would have turned Ireland into a paradise on earth, while the lazy Irish would have neglected to maintain the dikes and all drowned (their dying gurgles cursing perfidious Albion).

US President Baraka Obama, by chance on a state visit at the time, boldly proposed to his fellow heads of state that they to adopt a "wait-and-see" approach.

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OCSD Patrol Log:

Tuesday, March 22

At 2:35 p.m. Deputy Dani Welch did a concealed weapons check on the Songo Pond Road in Bethel.

At 2:49 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to Mason Street in Bethel regarding a child custody issue.

At 4:44 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes, Willie Nelson and George Cayer responded to Mason Street in Bethel for a report of a subject, possibly intoxicated, falling down and stumbling in the road.

Wednesday, March 23

At 2:05 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall arrested Hilary Taylor, 19, of Bethel on Mason Street in Bethel for disorderly conduct.

At 3:05 p.m. a caller requested information from Cpl. Chancey Libby regarding the legality of plowing snow with his tractor on Tyler Street in Bethel.

At 5:15 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Route 2 in Bethel for a report of a child playing in the road.

At 6:01 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the Flat Road in Bethel for a threat complaint.

At 6:23 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Koskela Road in Woodstock for a report of a missing person.

Thursday, March 24

At 2:37 a.m. a report was received of a subject making threats to a clerk at a business on Railroad Street in Bethel.

At 3:18 p.m. a caller on the East Bethel Road in Bethel reported someone trying to open accounts in her name. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 6:58 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Koskela Road in Woodstock for a report of harassment.

Friday, March 25

At 12:37 a.m. on the East Bethel Road in Bethel Deputy Dennis Ryder arrested David Ojeda, 27, of Bethel for OUI.

At 3:08 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder received a report of a vehicle speeding on Route 5 in Bethel. The vehicle was located and stopped for speeding.

At 4:40 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy Chris Davis responded to Woodstock regarding a missing person.

Saturday, March 26

At 7:45 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to the Intervale Road in Bethel for a car-deer accident with no personal injuries.

At 11:50 a.m. a caller reported a subject throwing a trash bag from a vehicle on the Sunset Road in Bethel. The Paris Police Department located the offender on Route 26. The driver was also found to be under suspension and was arrested.

At 7:02 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and Mike Halacy and Sheriff Wayne Gallant responded to South Ridge Road in Newry for a report of an out-of-control male subject. On arrival there was no such subject, but the officers learned that medical staff had wanted to take a subject to the hospital for further evaluation after falling and hitting her head. The husband did not want her to go for financial reasons. He had been reported to be upset and unruly, and police had been requested.

Sunday, March 27

At 3:49 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis responded to the Taylor Smith Road in Bethel for a report of continuous gun shots.

At 9:10 p.m. a Mayville Road business reported an attempted theft. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

Sunday, March 28

At 11:36 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Summit Road in Newry for a report that an event prize (an I-Pad) had been stolen.

At 2:11 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to Broad Street in Bethel for a report of lost or stolen jewelry.

At 4:06 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to the Mayville Road in Bethel for a report someone was taking down business advertisements and menus.

At 7:36 p.m. on Mayville Road in Bethel Deputy Matt Noyes arrested Bridgitte L. Downs, 22, of Bethel on two Oxford County warrants and one Androscoggin County warrant.

At 9:21 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to the Flat Road in Bethel for a report of threatening phone calls.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

March 28, 7:43 p.m.: Bridgitte Downs, 22, of Bethel, failure to pay files, theft; by Deputy Matt Noyes in Bethel.

March 29, 5:50 p.m.: Natalie A. Alley, 30, of Bethel, DV assault; by Trooper Jason Wing in Bethel.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

The Foothills Grille & Catering Company is exhibiting photographs by Maine artist Jenna Doughtry. These black and white photographs were all taken in the Bethel area and include the Artists Bridge and scenes along the parkway. Doughtry's services include weddings, portraits, seniors, pets, and special events. Her photographs can be viewed on her website at www.jennadoughtry.com.

If you aren't familiar with it yet, the Foothills Grille serves meals, salads, and handcrafted sandwiches. All of the menu items have unique names with a local twist, such as Speckled Mountain, Songo Pond Steak Bomb, the Covered Bridge, and Paradise Hill. My favorite is the Backwoods, an elegant BLT made with fresh lettuce, tomato, and crisp bacon on thick slices of toasted homemade bread. The sandwiches come with a choice of side orders. Choose the cheesy coleslaw. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. The restaurant is located at 186 Main Street in Bethel.

The Western Maine Mountains Senior College will present two nutrition workshops in April as part of their To Your Health series. Local chef Cathi DiCoco will lead both workshops and demonstrate how to make smart food choices to improve your health. She will provide samples, recipes, and resources. Both workshops will be held at the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street in Bethel. The first workshop, "Follow the Rainbow Through Healthy Food Choices" is Thursday, April 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The second workshop is Thursday, April 14, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on how to "Tweak Recipes to Accommodate Food Intolerances." This workshop will be helpful to people with food allergies or intolerance to lactose or gluten. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.

Bethel resident Cheryl Bileau is interested in organizing a local group for women who like to crochet to get together once a week. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl at cherylbileau@gmail.com.

Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH

You will be reading this on the last day of March, but as I write it on Monday, I have no idea what the weather will be. March came in like a lamb; will it go out like a lion? I've seen some forecasts of an April Fool storm either Friday or Saturday. Right now, Monday afternoon, the sun is shining brightly, and the temperature is hovering a hair above 32 degrees. The wind is howling, making it seem colder than that, but it looks beautiful nonetheless.

Jake and I walked in the woods on snowshoe trails Monday morning (no snowshoes needed on the hard pack), and took note of the fact that there were a number of bare spots on the ground. This tells me that

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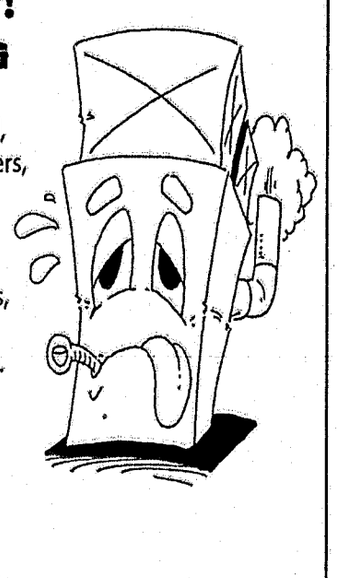

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The application is for fuel storage used in the operations at North Road in Bethel.

Interested person also may request that the Board of Environmental protection hold a public hearing on the variance application. The request must be in writing and must be received by the Department, no later than (20) days after the application is accepted by the Department as complete for processing. Written comment from interested parties will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

The application and supporting documentation are available for review at the Augusta office, located in the Ray Building on the AMHI Complex of Hospital Street during normal working hours. A copy of the application and supporting documentation may also be seen at the municipal office in Bethel, Maine.

Send written comments to the Licensing Unit Leader, Division of Oil and Hazardous Waste Facilities Regulation at the Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0017.

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the sunny days have done more than make the sap run. Speaking of which, this has been a banner year for maple syrupin'. The warm, sunny days, coupled with freezing nights, have created the perfect storm of sap gathering. Mike and our daughter, Martha, have spent many hours stoking the barrel stove at her place as the sap boiled down to liquid gold. I hope everyone has had equal success.

Last Thursday evening the Trustees' Auditorium at Gould Academy was filled to the brim with music lovers as they enjoyed a Steinway Series Recital. Two students of Professor Poddubnaya, Robert Poortinga and Veselin Ninov, performed piano music by Chopin, Brahms, Haydn, and Liszt (and others) to standing ovations. Both young men are students of Dr. P. at Long Island Conservatory and veterans of "Music Without Borders," the summertime international piano festival founded in 2007 by their teacher. Where else but Bethel could you find such world-class musical entertainment at an affordable price, let alone free!

Last Saturday our spinning group had an extra gathering at the home of Anne Gass on Christian Ridge Road in Paris. Looking out toward the bird feeder on the deck, I was astounded to see a redwing blackbird, several starlings, and some grackles. The redwing, in particular, is a harbinger of spring, but didn't seem to mind all the snow, wind, and frigid temperatures. Have neither seen nor heard any as yet in Bethel. However, some of you may have, and I'd love to hear about it.

We continue to see flocks of redpolls, and some sparrows are appearing, as well. I'm curious to know what the rest of you are seeing.

Rosabelle Tifft writes that two important workshops on nutrition will be presented in April as part of the Western Mountains Senior College "To Your Health" series. Cathi DiCocco, local chef and frequent presenter on food topics, will help you make smart food choices to improve your health. She'll have demonstrations and tasty samples as well as recipes and resources. Admission is free.

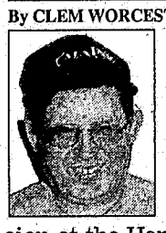
The first workshop is Thursday, April 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church hall. "Follow the Rainbow through Healthy Food Choices," is the topic. The second workshop is Thursday, April 14, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. also at the Church. Cathi will tell us how to "Tweak Recipes to Accommodate Food Intolerances." This will be helpful to anyone with food allergies, or those who are intolerant to lactose or gluten.

It's hard to believe that March is over already. Will we have April showers bringing May flowers? Or will there be April snows -- who knows? Be in touch: dhoeh@megalink.net; 824-2917.

GILEAD VOTES—Almost 100 residents turned out Saturday for Gilead's annual town meeting. Here, they cast their ballots for selectman. *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The Hanover assessors have issued their 2011 Assessors' Notice. The assessors will be in session at the Hanover Town Office on April 2 between 9 and 10 a.m. to revise the lists of estates within Hanover.

For more information see the posted notices at the Hanover Town Office, the Hanover Fire House and Gordie Howe's Store.

Last Friday afternoon everything seemed quiet until a fire truck went up Route 2. Within a few minutes five fire trucks, two ladder trucks, and an ambulance had gone by. Someone stopped by the Town Office and said there was a house fire and the building was fully involved, but within a few minutes the equipment from Rumford and surrounding area mutual aid departments was gone.

The brief excitement was reported to be a possible chimney fire at a residence on Top Hat Road.

Officials from communities throughout Oxford County attended informative meetings in South Paris last week for the soon-to-be activated City Watch program. Due to be active in April, the program gives local and county officials the capability of advising citizens of emergency conditions within their service area by use of telephones.

Shawnee and Makala Worcester joined Donna and Clem Worcester during last weekend. The twin three-year-olds are truly a pleasure to be with.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

The week seems to have just passed me by. I have way too many things on my mind to ponder over. Maybe some warmer weather would help? The other day a cousin of mine who lives in the Buffalo, N.Y., area made a discouraging remark regarding the weather. "Continued cold till June, just like here." I certainly hope that his prediction is wrong. On the brighter side it may be a good thing that we haven't had any rain lately, saving us from possible low-level radio-activity like many other areas are experiencing. I think we still need to say lots of prayers for Japan.

I would like to ask all readers to lend me a hand to come up with more ideas for the column and naturally along with this, the news, etc., is as usual appreciated. Aside from calling me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink, you can also find me on Facebook.

In closing I would like to share Albert Einstein's thoughts on knowledge. "You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother." Thinking about this, I would like to add that we need to respect and listen to knowledge our elders can give us.

Enjoy the sun.

Andover

By JANE RICH

Seniors in the community might be interested in the following announcement of two workshops in April as part of the Western Mountains Senior College To Your Health series. Cathi DiCocco will be the presenter speaking about smart food topics to improve your health. The sessions will we held at the Bethel Congregational Church hall. The first is Thursday, April 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and is entitled "Follow the Rainbow through Healthy Food Choices." The second will be held on April 14, same place, same time and the topic will be "Tweak Recipes to Accommodate Food Intolerances."

The Snow Valley Sno-Goers snowmobile club will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, April 2, at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. A potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. before the annual meeting. Following at 7 p.m. the annual meeting will be held. Agenda to include election of officers and drawing of the 50/50 contest. All members and interested people are invited to attend and bring a dish for the potluck. Hope to see you there - it's the final meeting of the season.

The first meeting of the 2011 Andover Olde Home Day Committee will be on Monday, April 4, 7 p.m. at Vickie and Marshall Meisner's home. If you're interested in helping with this wonderful community project, please come out. Several people have already asked me what the theme will be, so if you have a wonderful idea for a theme this year, please let the committee know.

The Hungry Kingdom group has announced a project to kick off their fundraising program to feed our school children for the 2011-12 school year. It's a MAYFAIR -- bake sale and crafts to be held May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. in the CEB of the church. For further details see/call Sharon Hutchins 392-4351

The First Congregational Church will have "movie night" Friday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. The movie will be "John Wesley." It was filmed at the Moravian Village in Salem, N.C., and Paula Smith's grandson was part of the production crew. The public is invited to attend. Bring your snacks and be prepared for an enjoyable time. I can attest to the excellence of the film.

This week's organization is the Cabot Lodge, Knights of Pythias, which was organized in 1898. It received its charter May 14 of that year and therefore is the oldest continuous organization in town. Only the Grange was founded earlier, and it has since disbanded. The principles of the order are benevolence, friendship and charity. The knights have undertaken several community projects including the annual Memorial Day Service on the common to honor the veterans of the several wars who served from our town. The group maintains the flag at the cemetery and were instrumental in the refurbishing of the tomb at the Woodlawn Cemetery. When asked what he found appealing about the Knights of Pythias, the current leader, Scott Farrington, said, "I really enjoy the fact that the organization is multi-generational and gives the younger and older members the chance to mingle with each other and work together on projects." The lodge recently merged with the lodge from Hanover and there are currently 40 members with 10-12 being active. Four past Grand Chancellors have connections with the Cabot Lodge including Freeman Farrington of East Andover, Clayton Davis of Mexico and Craig Turner and Clem Worcester both of Hanover.

Next week our featured community organization will be the Andover Public Library.

Quotes of the week:

From John Steinbeck,"It is the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of him."

"A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it." -- Jean de La Fontaine

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER

Last Saturday morning Mona and I were just finishing breakfast, and the news was on the dining room TV. Suddenly, Mona looked at me and asked, "What is the first word on the

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top row on the TV screen?" "Infertility." "Why?" " Well, I can't see the I-N part." Then she said, "Does that man's face look ok?" "Yes. I don't see anything odd." "Well, I can't see his nose or the front part of his face!" Then I looked at her and asked, "Do you feel ok?" (thinking she might be having a stroke). "Yes. I feel fine. I just have holes in my vision. I can't see the whole picture on TV."

"Maybe I should take you to ER!" "No. Let me call the Mountain View Eye Clinic in Rumford. Maybe they could see me and tell me what is going on." "O-K. I don't know if they will be open on Saturday." She phoned the clinic, and they told her to come right over. So we did. By the time we got there, Mona said her vision was back to normal.

After about 30 minutes of being examined, Mona returned to the waiting room, where I was. "What did you find out?" "She said she thinks I had an optic migraine. In other words, I had a migraine in my eyes!" "I've never heard of that. Is it serious?" "She said it isn't serious, and I may never have one again. Then again, I may, but they don't normally last over 20 minutes.

The girl that checked me in said she has them every now and then each one is followed by a migraine headache. I never had any pain, and I didn't have a headache. I'm fine."

As of this writing, that was the end of the story. Neither of us had ever heard of an "optic migraine," and so far, it hasn't happened again.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

April is here and the spring birds keep arriving. We had a flock of Red-Winged Blackbirds at the feeder with all the sparrows, mourning doves, chickadees and robins. The little chipmunk is busy running back and forth across the snow from the feeder to his home under the bush by the driveway.

My brother, Steve McLain, arrived early for the town meeting on Saturday night and helped set up the Town Hall for the meeting. Lise McLain visited her father, Gerard Dupont, at Ledgeview this past week. Gerard is doing well.

Gilead Historical Society

The Building Committee met last Saturday with Regal Naseef of Regal Resources Development. Regal will be helping the GHS with grant writing to help look for funding for both of the historic buildings (the schoolhouse and the train station) that we are planning on renovating. The committee members present were Mary Tyler, Hugh and Lin Chapman, Bob and Judy Bishop and Norman Buttrick.

Town of Gilead

The Town of Gilead's Annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, March 26, at the Town Hall. There were 95 voters present out of the eligible registered voters. There were five new voters who registered before the meeting and that brought the total number of registered voters in Gilead up to 159.

Alicia McLean was re-elected to a three-year term as a member of the school board. She ran unopposed. The contest for a three-year term for selectman was a contest between incumbent Jeremy Morin and Joseph Boudreau. Votes cast were 57 for Mr. Morin and 37 for Mr. Boudreau. Mr. Morin was elected to his second three-year term as a selectman for Gilead.

The article regarding the purchase of the Cole's Custom Auto building was defeated with a vote of 58 No to 32 Yes. The articles relating to the building that totaled $34,000 were passed over.

The other articles on the warrant passed with only minor discussions. Total raised was $201,774. This does not include the school budget that will be voted on when we receive the final figures. Last year the town raised $268,831. The amount for this year is less due to the fact that one of the long-term notes will be paid off and saves around $20,000 and instead of raising money for Public Ways, the amount of $34,000 was removed from surplus. The account will also receive excise tax collected by the town and money received from the state of Maine for local road assistance.

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HOMESCHOOLERS VISIT STATEHOUSE—State Rep. Jarrod Crockett (R-Bethel) and home schooled students, from Woodstock, Newry and Bethel, stand on the Grand Staircase in the State House last week. The students served as honorary pages for the day's session and had the opportunity to deliver messages and documents to members in the House chamber. Rep. Crockett welcomed the students to Augusta by giving them a tour of the State House before the start of session. Pictured from left to right are Rep. Crockett, Koley Mae Allyn True, Kallen John Allen True, Stephen McNally, Cassidy Webster, Alex McNally and Claire Webster. *(Photo: Melissa Lacroix)*

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU

Hello friends and readers. Brace yourselves, despite the week of sunshine I have heard that we are in for another bought of wintery weather. I just keep reminding myself that this is winter's last big hoorah before it begrudgingly gives in to spring's warmer charms. The Corriveau family has been trying to make the most this cold weather. We long for spring like the rest of you but secretly we will miss sliding and snowshoeing. Right now the woods are in superb fashion for exploration. The snow is hard and is easy to walk upon which opens up a vastness to discover. Did you know that the woods look much different in the bare of winter than in the lush thrive of spring, summer and fall? Each season holds its own uniqueness that just waits to be enjoyed.

Sunday, after church and firewood, the whole family went for a walk in the vast bog that lends itself to the name given to the Bog Road in Gilead. Freeman has been working out there and knew of a stream that he wanted to show us. Able to walk virtually anywhere, we crossed far too many streams to count, most still frozen over and a good many of them held back by beaver dams. The beaver have built up such a metropolis out there. We counted six houses, one of which that had been destroyed so that we were able to peer inside to see where the beaver lived. It was such an awesome experience!

While we were out there, Kaiya and I gathered "Harry Potter Wands" for the big Harry Potter Night coming up April 8 at CPS. There were a great many twisted and bizarre branches that grabbed our attention. We had a massive armload of weird wood weighing us down but we managed to traipse it all the way back to the vehicle. The fifth graders are eager to help with the fundraiser and it sounds like a lot of fun. All proceeds go toward the 5th grade's Boston Trip this spring. There is more info about Harry Potter Night in the Citizen.

News from A&B Maple Syruping of the Upper Sunday River Valley. The sap has been flowing like gangbusters and difficult to keep up with boiling it off. They have made about 15 gallons of light, medium and dark syrup and all of it Wicked Yummy. Visit your local Sapologist for a bottle of your favorite Maple Syrup.

On another note – I have been trying to find more info on the history of Newry's Grange. Does anyone know when it dissolved or why? If you have any info please contact me, I think that it would be neat to gather info to share, perhaps maybe spark some interest.

Nonetheless, I hope that you all enjoy the rest of the week. Until next time – sabcart@gmail.com or the good 'ole fashioned way 824-0836.

Upton

By LAURIE BROWN

The weather has been holding at pretty chilly temperatures, but we haven't had any more significant snowfall. The March winds that, according to the old ditty are supposed to come in like a lion at the beginning of March, are about

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a month late. Upton has at least twice as much snow as Bethel or Rumford, but that's pretty much normal. Joe and Neil Bernier rode their sleds over the weekend.

The town meeting date and the day this paper comes out are one in the same -- March 31. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Optimism[1] is "A cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose." (author unknown).

There are a lot of books that are free for the taking at the Ladies Aid Building. After you enjoy your Sunday breakfast, choose a bagful of books to take home.

I hope you enjoy your week, get a chance to play some April Fool's pranks on someone, and that you have some played on you, as well. Selah

West Paris

By JOYCE LAMB

The calendar says spring is here, but it still feels like winter here in West Paris. The snow is shrinking fast. The small flurries do not last long and appear to be helping the winter's snow melt faster. Here the snow is piled high on my crocuses, daffodils and irises so they have not had a chance to peek out as yet.

On Sunday, April 3, the Rev. Richard Beal will conduct the service at the West Paris Universalist Church at 9 a.m. Jim Burke is organist. All are welcome. A coffee hour follows.

Two gray squirrels are playing around in front of Muffin's window under the feeder so she gets something of interest to take up her days.

The Rev. Herbert Adams:

The Rev. Herbert Adams of Scarborough and Lovell died suddenly on March 18, 2011. He served the West Paris and Norway Universalist churches and was minister emeritus of the West Paris Universalist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mary; and four children and three stepchildren. Services to celebrate Herb's life will be held at the Norway Universalist Church at 749 Main Street, Norway on April 23 at 1 p.m. Rev Richard Beal and Rev.Frank Hall will conduct the service. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Herb's memory to the West Paris Universalist Church, P.O. Box 36, or to the Norway Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

April is upon us and still the nights and mornings are cold. The wind has been so harsh these last few days that it feels like winter again. I am about to get my warm jacket back out of the closet. I had hoped to be done with it for the season, but I see I have been wrong. That little fleece may look good, but it is not keeping me warm this year. Must wear warmer clothes.

March 31, ACA will meet this week at the Waterford Town Office. They have been nice enough to put us up while the library completes construction. The library is scheduled to reopen on April 2. Hopefully they will be all done with the renovations.

Friday, April 1, the Waterford Tax Assessor will meet with people at the Waterford Town Office. He will be there from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Taxes may be higher this year because the mil rate is higher.

Also on April 1 the Magpie Benefit/Auction/Supper will be held at Fare Share Commons, 445 Main Street, Norway. It will be from 6 to 8 p.m. The supper is a sliding scale ($10 - Whatever) so all can attend.

These two are not April's Fools jokes. They really will happen.

As the weather changes and the days grow longer, it is time to plant those seeds and get those frost-hardy veggies growing. We are planning to start that this week. Hopefully the weather will improve and more snow will melt so we can get them in the ground in April.

My back is acting up and keeps going into spasm, so I will cut this very short. Have a great week and beware those April's Fool jokes.

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE LARSON

I have mentioned before how fast the weeks seem to go so here I am once again. Chloe is feeling much better, thank the Lord and a good vet. She is not terribly fond of the rice, as I mentioned before, but she will eat some now. She likes to eat where I am so it can be a bit startling when one gets a facefull of rice just after falling asleep.

Do you suppose it can be a bit of a payback for offering it to her in the first place? She still likes to eat the hamburg out of it so that should count for something. Anyhow, I am starting to put some of the weight-control dry food with it because I think it would be more satisfying in the long run, but I don't want to upset her stomach again so I am going slow with it. I can't imagine how miserable she must have been when her stomach was hard as a rock, poor baby. She also is back to chasing the cars from window to window and watching for Lark to appear outside. She loves Lark so when she sees him it makes her day. She is as sick of the snow as most of the rest of us so when it started to snow this afternoon she barked and growled and let it know it was not welcome. Not that it did much good!

I am listening to the Arizona-Duke game as I am doing this. The first time I saw Arizona play I was impressed at the dedication, tenacity, and intensity of their players, so I am not surprised that they are as far up the ladder as they are. Right now I wish I could say the same thing of the Celtics. I keep hearing the analysts saying they are waiting for the play-offs, but if they keep waiting they may find they can't find it when they get there!

It amazes me how far those who have the time and energy to work on our church have come. The nursery is almost complete, which is a good thing because we have two little ones already with two more on the way. The sanctuary is only lacking a carpet and an altar.

The altar is coming soon but considering the cost of carpeting that will take some time. In the meantime the tiles on the floor have been washed and buffed until one can almost see one's face there. We have the beginnings of a library and plan to start a coffee house in the near future.

I asked to be taken off the PowerPoint because the new technology is far beyond the one I learned.

I expect if I had a laptop that had the new software for the PowerPoint I could learn how to do it eventually but I don't and I figured that some of our teens who aren't floored by phones that are computers and bookstores and cameras, and travel agents, and whatever, should be able to figure out how to put songs up on a wall!

Anyhow one of the teen girls accepted the assignment but I was somewhat amused when what came up on the wall was not what the worship team was singing and she sent me a look of pure panic! Debbie just told her it was not as easy as it looks and Pastor Thacker came to her rescue which was good because I sure couldn't help. That was the reason I was getting done in the first place!

Well, I must get to bed. The Women's Ministries in our church is sponsoring a brunch tomorrow morning for the ladies and I need to be up and out of here by 8:45 a.m. and as everyone knows I hate to get up in the morning especially if I haven't gotten to bed before 2 a.m.!

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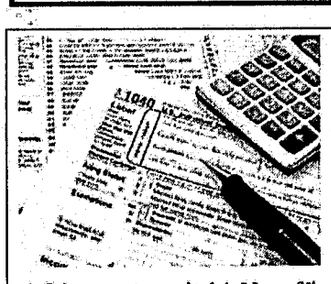

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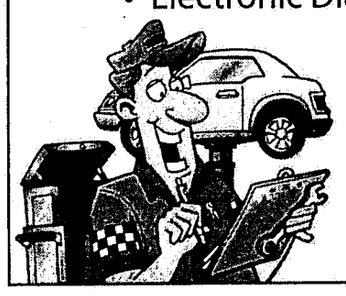

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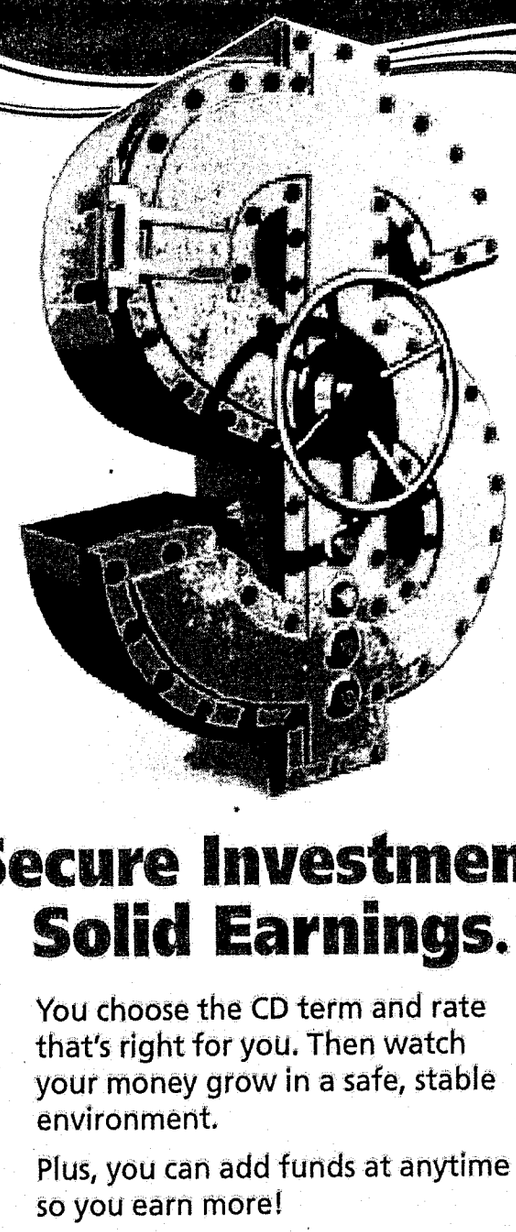

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Albany

By SHEILA DYKE

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. Okay, I just wish Nature would decide on the temperatures! We were getting such wonderfully warm weather, and then suddenly we're back to winter temps and harsh winds. I am not enjoying that at all.

Our roadsides aren't looking as nice as they had been. You've probably all noticed the tiger pit spear-like trees standing starkly along the sides of our roads. A crew went through about a week or two ago and cut at the trees. They look horrible, and we're expecting the dead trees to become hazards soon. After all, once they completely die, they'll fall, and with so many so close to the road, it seems only logical that they'll end up in the roads as well. It's too bad, our roads were quite pretty with the overhang of trees and branches. Now they're just barren and dead looking.

Otherwise, it's been fairly quiet around here. With the snow melting, there are even fewer snowmobilers out and about.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Franklin Grange 124 met at the Grange Hall on March 19 for a regular meeting.

It was voted to buy planners for grades 3 to 5 and folders for grades K to 2 at Woodstock Elementary School as a community project.

Some more update on repairs to hall.

Next meeting is April 4 for instructions and inspection. April 5 is Pomona with degree work. April 18 is community service award meeting. This is open to the public, all are welcome to attend, 7 p.m. meeting. May 7 will be the next Hee Haw Show. Program - opening thought by Bertha DeHaas, opening song by all, skit by Bertha DeHaas and Sandra Savage, Laura played her accordian and Richard played the harmonica for a few songs, game about different nuts, song by Peggy O'Neil, and closing thought. Remember the next meeting is Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning service at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. Looking ahead to Saturday, April 16 will be spring cleaning day starting at 9 a.m. for all who are able to help.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will be at the Fire Hall on April 7 for a meeting at 11:30, dinner by Daughters of Union Veterans and program by Woodstock Elementary School Music Dept. New members always welcome, Dinner is $7.

Two important workshops on nutrition will be presented in April as part of the Western Mountains Senior College, To Your Health series. Cathi DiCocoa, local chef and frequent presenter on food topics, will help you make smart food choices to improve your health.

She'll have demonstrations and tasty samples as well as recipes and resources. Admission is free.

The first workshop is Thursday, April 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church hall. "Follow the rainbow through Healthy Food Choices" is the topic. Cathi will be making a pot of soup during the workshop and all will have a chance to sample it.

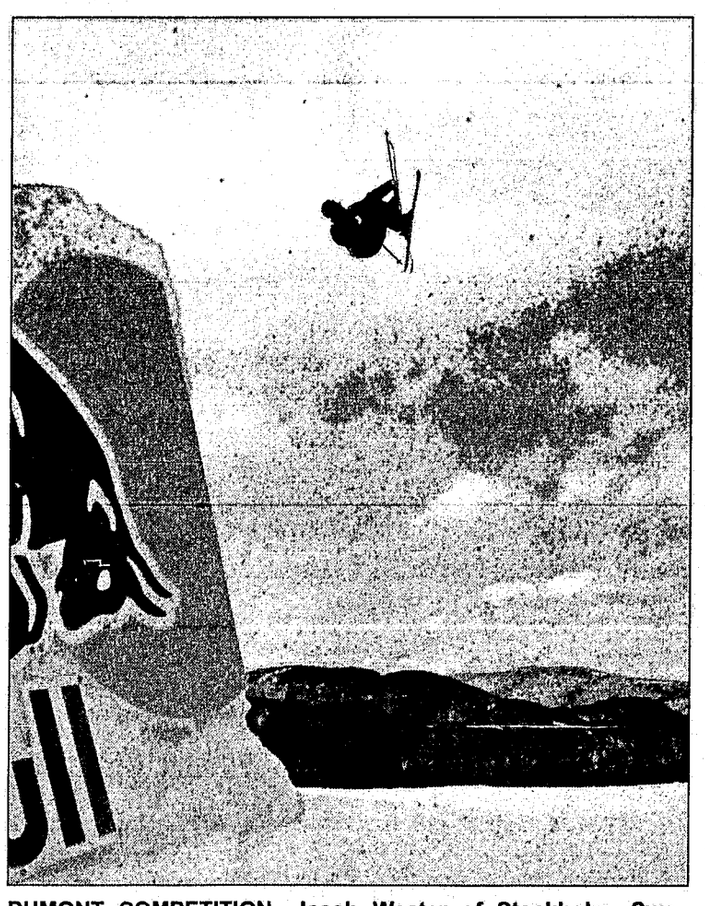
The second workshop is Thursday, April 14, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. is also at the church. Cathi will tell how to "Tweak Recipes to Accommodate Food Intolerances." This will be helpful to anyone with food allergies, or those who have intolerances to lactose and gluten.

Cathi will give some gluten-free samples.

Historical Society

The Historical Society Museum looks forward to another successful year of tours and meetings. Everyone in the area benefits from our efforts, so join in any way you can. The museum has bulletin boards and shelves covered with old photos of Woodstock. These include both people and buildings. There are artifacts all over the museum from the town as well. This is as it should be. The Research Library also has much local, state and national history in it.

The Historical Society Museum is your window on the past. They preserve the New England heritage and offer local and cultural exhibits. Society meetings begin soon and they need new members, so consider joining. You are needed.



DUMONT COMPETITION—Jacob Wester of Stockholm, Sweden took third place with moves like this "rodeo" flip Saturday at the 3rd annual Dumont Cup hosted by Bethel native Simon Dumont at Sunday River. Local amateur skiers were given the chance to enter and qualify Thursday and Friday, skiing a slopestyle course consisting of three rail sections, three jumps and a quarterpipe. Top finishers went on to compete against a handful of pre-selected pros including first-year winner Tom Wallisch, and last year's top finisher Alex Schlopy. Dumont was on hand competing, while simultaneously managing the event, keeping all competitors safe, and the crowd of spectators entertained. At the end of the day it was Michigan amateur Nick Goepper who finished first, taking home the check for $12,000. This is the second year in a row that an amateur has out-shined the professionals during the event's three-year history and Goepper's second big win since taking third at this year's Dew Tour. To win, Goepper executed a flawless switch double rodeo 900 to a double cork 1080 during the slopestyle finals held on Sunday River's Rocking Chair Terrain Park. Goepper, who earned 92.4 points, was joined on the podium with Gus Kenworthy from Telluride, Colo., who took second place ($5,000) with 90 points. Wester had 87.6 points to win $3,000. *(Photo: Nate Clukey)*

Senior Citizens group meets

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met March 9 at the Bethel Methodist Church for their meeting and potluck dinner with 31 members present. President Caroline Gould conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. "God Bless America" was sung by members after which Caroline Gould said a prayer.

Reports were given by Musa Brown and Arlene Lowell. The door prize was won by Alberta Angevine and the 50/50 raffle by Doris Mills.

The auction was held with Nancy Mercer as the auctioneer and Cecile Lescault as her helper. $76.25 was raised for the club.

The next meeting will be April 13 at the Rooster's Roadhouse in Mayville. Meeting will start at 11 a.m. The menu is a turkey dinner and the price is $10. Reservations must be made before 10 a.m. April 11 by calling Caroline Gould at 824-3226 or Arlene Lowell at 824-2877. The speaker will be Norma Salway, who will talk about the book she has written "The Spirit of Songo."

A reading was done by Ernest Angevine. Lise McLain volunteered to be on the sunshine committee.

Members having birthdays in March gathered around the cake and members sang Happy Birthday, also a group picture was taken by Caroline Gould.

March birthdays are: Alberta Angevine, Pauline Davis, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sharon Kaiser, Lise McLain and Alta Smith.

Comedian and inspirational speaker comes to Bethel

Imagine combining laughter with great stories and thoughts, combining side-splitting bits with thought-provoking ideas, and humor with inspiration, and then what would you have? Judson Laipply.

He will be performing on April 7 and 8 for Oxford Hills Comprehensive High school, Telstar Middle and High and for Gould Academy. On Thursday morning, April 7, at 9 a.m. the presentation at Gould Academy Bingham Auditorium will be open to the public on a first come, first serve basis at no cost.

Judson Laipply is a one-of-a-kind performer who has the audience engaged from the moment he steps on stage. Combining his ideas about life and change with humor, his presentations have our audiences inspired and laughing all at once.

The local presentations are sponsored by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, the 4-H Youth Development Program, The Mahoosuc Arts Association, The Mahoosuc Kids Association and the Oxford Hills Respect Team. "He did a number of performances in Oxford County about five years ago and was amazing. Our teen performances were a great hit and meaningful for the audiences," stated Susan Jennings, Extension professor.

His finale "The Evolution of Dance" is requested by every audience. His shows are styled to meet the needs of the audience. Some of the topics he covers include: Change, Choices, Conflict Management, Relationships, Team Building, and Goal Setting. He has appeared on multiple television shows including the Today Show, Ellen, and others. We are looking forward to his presentation and the opportunities for our young people to have fun while learning. Judson concludes every show with "The Evolution of Dance" designed to bring home his ideas and thoughts through a message of change. Come and enjoy the most exciting presentation about change you may ever see! For more information please contact Susan Jennings at (207) 615-7300.

BANC plans community forum

Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative (BANC) will bring together local youth and nonprofit representatives at its second annual Community Forum. The event, which is free and open to local nonprofit representatives, will be held at the Bethel Inn on April 15 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The focus of this year's Community Forum is "Bridging Youth and Community Voices." Students from Gould Academy and Telstar Middle and High Schools have been invited to attend along with staff and volunteers from local nonprofits. They will work collaboratively to build upon successful outcomes of last year's Forum and develop new ideas for the coming year, including possible programming and funding strategies.

"The forum is an incredible opportunity for young people to connect directly with nonprofit organizations and help work on community service initiatives," said Susan Jennings, educator at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in South Paris. It is an opportunity for young people to get involved in the community and have their ideas expressed."

The Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative has experienced several milestones in the past year. In December 2010, BANC, which is composed of many individual nonprofits, was recognized with a prestigious grant from the Environmental Funders Network to fund its collaborative efforts.

Together, its mission is to support Bethel area nonprofits' efforts to maximize the potential of the community through educational, cultural, environmental, recreational, economic development, and health and wellness initiatives. BANC members meet monthly and welcome new organizations.

Representatives of nonprofits interested in exploring collaborative opportunities are encouraged to attend the BANC Community Forum. Space is limited, so organizations are encouraged to limit their representation at the Forum to one staff member or active volunteer.

There is no cost to register and lunch is provided. To register, organizations may contact Jessie Seymour Perkins by April 6 at jsp@bethelmainenonprofits.org with the name, organization affiliation, and e-mail address.

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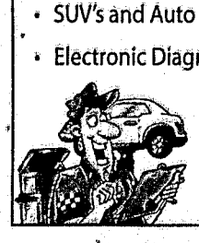

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Community Calendar

Attention Telstar High School Parents: Finals week is fast approaching for your college student! Telstar's Freshman Class will prepare and ship a "We Care" package full of munchies and goodies to get him/her through exams. FMI, pricing and package details: Ms. Poston 824-2136, Ext. 206 or Mrs. Ojeda 824-2136, Ext. 212. Pre-order by April 29.

Thru April 2

Waterford Memorial Library closed for renovations. Do not return books the two weeks library closed. FMI: 583-2050.

Thursday, March 31

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. - **Tools for Easier Living: Assistive Devices for the Home** at Board Room, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Free. Registration required. FMI and registration: (866) 609 5183 or visit www.wmhcc.org.

6:30 p.m. - **Beyond the Snapshot: Using Photography to Tell a Story"** by Scott Vlaun at Norway Memorial Library and photography by Emily Delamater, Oxford resident, part of adult programming series "Memoir: Lives & Stories" available through June. Free and open to public. FMI: 743-5309 Ext. 1 or visit www.norway.lib.me.us.

6:30 p.m. - **Bethel District Exchange Committee** meeting at Telstar High School Library for continued discussion on possible sites for the food pantry and exchange. FMI: Cathy Newell 875-2116.

March 31, April 6, 13 and 20

12 noon to 1 p.m. - **Lenten Luncheons** at West Parish Congregational Church hall, Bethel. Area churches provide a light luncheon for this ecumenical program. Free admission. All welcome.

Friday, April 1

10 a.m. - **Western Maine Property Protection Low Light Shooting** class at Lake Thompson Fish & Game Club, Oxford. Cost: $50. FMI or registration: call Western Maine Property Protection LLC 739-9774 (space limited) or www.wmepropertyprotection.com, westernmainepropertyprotection@yahoo.com.

6 to 8 p.m. - **Magpie Benefit/Supper/Auction** at Fare Share Commons, 445 Main Street, Norway. All invited (sliding scale). Food, music, silent auction.

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** Local Knowledge 2010-11 presents "Endurance Riding" with Kathy Brunjes and Tom Hutchinson at Trustees Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Building, Gould Academy. FMI: 824-3806, e-mail info@mahoosuc.org or visit www.mahoosuc.org

Saturday, April 2

5 p.m. - **Supper/Dance** by Jones Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street.
Smorgasbord supper 5 to 6 p.m. ($7) and Dance 6:30 ($5).

6 p.m. - **Snow Valley Sno-Goers** annual meeting at clubhouse, Route 5, Andover.. Potluck dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Agenda: election of officers, 50/50 drawing. All welcome.

7:30 p.m. - **Kate Redgate** performs at Fryeburg Academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: $15, $10 seniors, $5 students available at box office (935-9232) or at www.fryeburgacademy.org

Sunday, April 3

3rd annual Snowmobile SledHEAD Mania at Mt. Abram Ski Resort, antique sled track races and hill climb drags 73 and older, to benefit Wild River Riders snowmobile club, Gilead. Rain or shine. Uncle Henry's listed the race on March 13, which is incorrect. 7 to 9 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. Drivers meeting; 10 a.m. races start. Door prizes. FMI: 890-9720.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Free Skiing and Potluck** at Carter's XC Ski Center, Bethel. Come and enjoy one of the last XC skis of the season.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **Western Maine Property Protection** Basic Pistol Class at Pooh Corner Farm, Bog Road, Bethel. Cost: $125. FMI or registration: call Western Maine Property Protection LLC 739-9774 (space limited) or www.wmepropertyprotection.com, westernmainepropertyprotection@yahoo.com.

4 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats** spring meeting/potluck supper at Crescent Park School cafeteria.. Supper 4:30 p.m. Bring a food to share. Program: Rep. Diane Russell, Portland and native of Bryant Pond. FMI: visit www.oxforddems.org, call Cathy Newell (875-2116) or Facebook.

6 p.m. - **Bob Marley**, Maine's funniest comedian, at Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: $15 – benefit Project Graduation for Class of 2011. FMI or tickets: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org.

Monday, April 4

6 p.m. - **Woodstock Elementary School** Fine Arts Evening. Music by all students, chorus and band begin at 6:30 p.m. The show theme is fairy tales and legends, and theme is food.

7:30 p.m. - **Knitting Class** (first of three weeks) by Elaine Emery at West Paris Library, 226 Main Street. All supplies provided or bring own. No fee required. FMI and sign up: 674-2004.

Mondays, April 4 and 25

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit meoc.maine.edu

Tuesday, April 5

Androscoggin River Watershed Council (ARWC) annual meeting at Bethel Inn Conference Center. Register by March 31. 8:30 registration/refreshments. FMI: Jessie Seymour Perkins 754-8158, e-mail trek@androscogginwatershed.org or visit www.androscogginwatershed.org or www.facebook.com/androrwc.

Oxford County Pomona Grange 2 potluck supper (6:30 p.m.) and meeting (7:30 p.m.) at Franklin Grange 124, Main Street, Bryant Pond. Fifth degree conferral. Dues are due for members. All visiting Grangers most welcome. FMI: Steve Seames, secretary, 824-3393 or e-mail mrarchive@aol.com.

Wednesday, April 6

6 to 8 p.m. - **"Why Can't Johnny B. Goode at Home?"** at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Board Room, Discussion on challenging behaviors and positive ways to handle behaviors at home. Free. Registration required. FMI or register: (866) 609-5183.

Blazing Star Lodge 30 AF&AM, Route 232, Rumford Corner, supper/meeting (6:30 and 7:30 p.m.). All members urged to attend. FMI: Jeffrey L. Roy 364-8400.

Thursday, April 7

9 a.m. – **Judson Laipply,** comedian and inspirational speaker, at Gould Academy Bingham Auditorium. Open to public first come, first served at no cost. FMI: Susan Jennings 615-7300.

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"Follow the Rainbow through Healthy Food Choices"** presented by Cathi DiCocco at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Demos, samples, recipes and resource materials. Free admission. FMI: 824-2053.

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Creating Healthy Salads** offered by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building. Cost: $10. Registration required. FMI: (866) 609-5183.

Friday, April 8

6 p.m. – **Spring Fever Bingo** at American Legion Hall, Greenwood, to benefit Woodstock Honor Roll Expansion Project.

5:30 p.m. - **Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry**, hosted by Fifth-Grade Class at Crescent Park School. Tuition: $10, $2 for each sibling. Proper wizarding costume encouraged, but not necessary. Proceeds benefit Fifth-Grade Class Trip to Boston.

Saturday, April 9

8:30 a.m. - Communications Training Conference gathering of communications center staff and emergency service agencies throughout Oxford County at Paris Fire Station, 127 Western Avenue: "Let's communicate together and work for a better future." Bring questions, goals and expectations for discussion. Prize drawings every hour. Lunch provided.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Yard Sale** American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Lunch counter open, 50/50 tickets.

1 p.m. - **Metropolitan Opera Live! in HD Series** continues with Le Comte Ory broadcast at Fryeburg Academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: $26 adults, $23 seniors, $18 students. FMI: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org.

Birthday Supper at Andover. 5 p.m. first sitting, 6 p.m. second sitting. Menu: turkey w/fixings and birthday cakes. Price: $7 adults and $3 children under 10.

7 p.m. - **"Be Somebody," Amazing Hero Art Show** presentation by Rob Surette at Mountain Valley High School, Rumford. Tickets: $10 in advance, $12 at door will benefit Holy Savior Youth Ministry. To purchase tickets – Elaine Palmer (364-4696) Diane Perry at Franklin Savings Bank in Rumford/Mexico or Holy Savior Youth Ministry youth FMI: www.amazingheroart.com

Saturdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30

7 to 10 p.m. - **Dance** by Jones Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. $5. Lunch counter open.

Sunday, April 10

12 to 6 p.m. - **Fundraiser** for Bethel EMT Mindy Evans at Locke Mills Legion. Meal, raffles, entertainment in afternoon. FMI: call Mike Jodrey at 749-1915.

Tuesday, April 12

5 to 7 p.m. - **Fine Arts Evening** at Crescent Park School. Artwork of all students on display, music provided by grades 4 and 5, band and chorus. Theme: fairy tales and folk legends and musical theme is "Don't Stop Believin'."

Oxford County Republican Committee monthly general meeting at Advent Christian Church, Route 26, Oxford. Social time 5:30, dinner prior to meeting. Cost: $8. Open to all Republicans. FMI: Loretta (875-2229) or Wendy (336-2817).

Wednesday, April 13

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** luncheon/meeting at Rooster's Roadhouse, Mayville. Cost: $10 for turkey dinner. Reservations must be made before 10 a.m. April 11 by calling Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877). Program: Norma Salway will discuss her book, "The Spirit of Songo."

Thursday, April 14

2 p..m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, guest speaker Dennis Gross, owner of the Minerals Shop in Bryant Pond, will talk about his experiences and show variety of minerals. Public welcome, free, light refreshments.

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"Tweeking Recipes to Accommodate Food Intolerances"** presented by Cathi DiCocco at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Demos, gluten free samples, recipes and resource materials. Free admission. FMI: 824-2053

7:30 p.m. - **John Jorgenson Quintet** at Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: $25 adults, $20 seniors, $15 students, group rates available for 10 or more. FMI or tickets: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org..

Friday, April 15

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative (BANC)** second Community Forum. Free and open to local nonprofit representatives. Location: Bethel Inn with focus "Bridging Youth and Community Voices."

4 to 7 p.m. - **Fish Fry** at St. Athanasius & St. John's Church Hall (basement), 126 Maine Street, Rumford. Tickets at door, or advance at Hair Design, Oxford Lanes, Davis Florist and Holy Savior School. FMI: 364-2528.to benefit Holy Savior Parish and School. Takeout available.

5:30 p.m. - **Community Potluck Supper** at West Paris First Universalist Church. Open to public at no charge, just bring dish to share. Various games after.

Saturday, April 16

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **Western Maine Property Protection** NRA Basic Pistol Class at Lake Thompson Fish & Game Club, Oxford. Cost: $125. FMI or registration: call Western Maine Property Protection LLC 739-9774 (space limited) or www.wmepropertyprotection.com, westernmainepropertyprotection@yahoo.com.

Sunday, April 17

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Western Maine Property Protection** NRA Basic Personal Protection in the Home at Lake Thompson Fish and Game Club, Oxford. Cost: $150. FMI or registration: call Western Maine Property Protection LLC 739-9774 (space limited) or www.wmepropertyprotection.com, or westernmainepropertyprotection@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, April 20

Stephens Memorial Hospital Women's Imaging Center offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women every third Wednesday. For appointment call 743-5933-x104. Insurances accepted and low cost help available.

Wednesdays, April 20 and 27

6 to 8 p.m. - **A Salad for Everyone –First Steps in Growing Your Own Food** workshops at Extension Office, South Paris. No charge but pre-registration required by calling 743-6329 or (800) 287-1482 by April 8.

7 p.m. – **5th Saturday Norway Contra Dances** at Norway Grange. Cost: $32 for series or $10 each at door. Registration available online at www.wfltmaine.org by April 1, registration forms also at Norway Library and via the Land Trust 739-2124.

Sunday, May 1

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **Western Maine Property Protection** NRA Basic Pistol Class at Lake Thompson Fish & Game Club, Oxford. Cost: $125. FMI or registration: call Western Maine Property Protection LLC 739-9774 (space limited) or www.wmepropertyprotection.com, or westernmainepropertyprotection@yahoo.com.

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AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 pm, Thursday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

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Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

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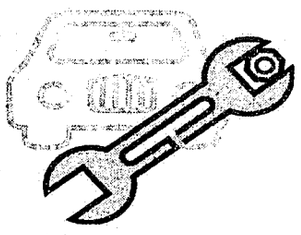

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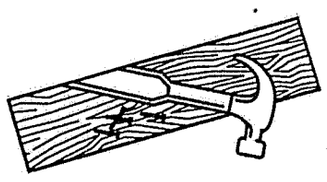

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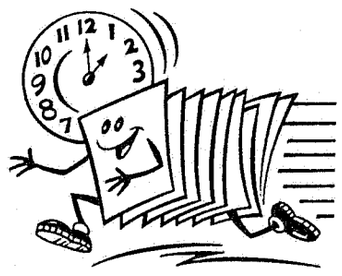

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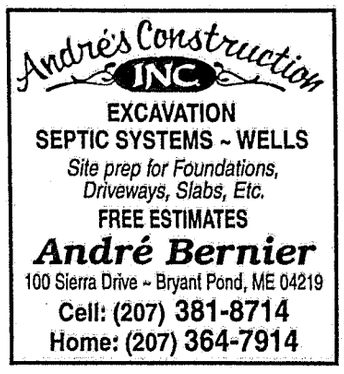

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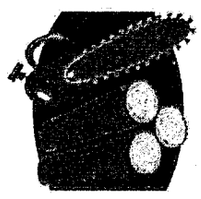

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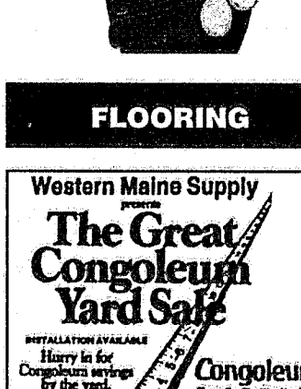

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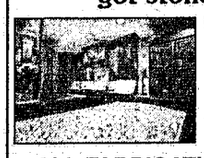

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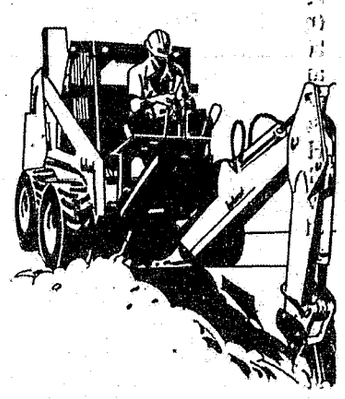

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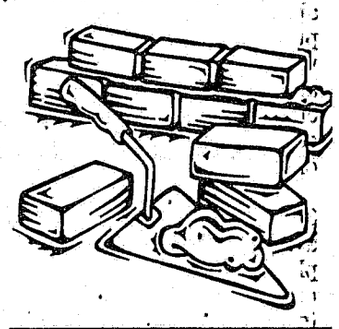

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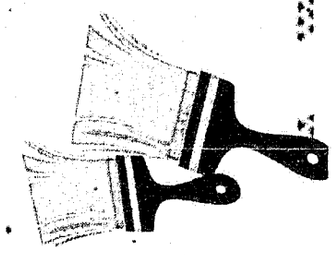

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Kelsey Gamble chosen as Cherry Blossom Princess

The Maine State Society of Washington, DC, announces the selection of Kelsey C. Gamble, 21, of Bethel, as Maine's Cherry Blossom Princess for the 2011 National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC, on April 3-9. Kelsey is the daughter of Leslie and Linda Gamble. She is the second princess from Bethel (her sister, Sarah, was Maine's 2005 Cherry Blossom Princess) and the fourth princess from Oxford County in the festival's 64-year history. A National Honor Society graduate of Gould Academy in 2008, Kelsey was a delegate to Dirigo Girls State as a high school junior and served as a councilor at Dirigo Girls State as a senior. She was active in school theater and dance productions performed throughout the state, was a councilor at local summer camps for a number of years, and has been involved in her community's service activities, programs and projects. A Muhlenberg College dean's list junior majoring in Spanish with a minor in music, Kelsey is member of Phi Mu Sorority the Muhlenberg Theatre Association, and the College Choir, and is a Resident Advisor for an undergraduate dormitory. She spent a summer studying in Argentina, and she recently completed an internship in Washington, DC, at the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants.

Kelsey's other interests include Nordic skiing, cross-country running, sewing, knitting, singing , piano, trumpet, dance, and languages.

BHS receives gift for software purchase

A generous and much-appreciated financial gift from Bethel Historical Society members Ned and Susan Robertson of Solon, Ohio, has allowed the organization to purchase more than $1,000 worth of computer software and hardware to greatly enhance its ability to catalog collections and share them online.

Recognizing that the Bethel Society owns or has access to a wealth of historical artifacts, photographs, archives and books, the Robertsons offered to fund a major upgrade to the "PastPerfect" software already in use by staff and volunteers. "As the world's most popular museum software, PastPerfect has made it possible for us to automate many of the time-consuming tasks associated with collections and contacts management," stated Randall Bennett, BHS executive director and curator of collections. "Besides providing us with the latest version of the PastPerfect program, the Robertsons' extraordinary gift has encouraged us to buy software that will enable the society to post online exhibits and individual collection records on the Internet," he added.

Under the direction of Society Registrar Jacalyn Bell, the organization's collection records continue to be transferred from paper to digital form.

"With the upgraded software, we'll be able to expand our descriptions of items in the collection," said Bennett. "For the first time, we'll also be adding photographs of individual objects and scans of old photographs to our computer records, and the process of posting them online will begin as soon as possible." One of the program's new features will allow old photographs of the same or similar subjects to be retrieved and viewed together as a slide program – giving anyone with computer access the ability to compare locations, buildings and people over time.

Since the Bethel Historical Society's collections focus heavily on western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire, the possibilities for research and study will be wide-ranging.

DiCocco to present Western Senior College workshop

Cathi DiCocco, local chef and frequent presenter on food topics, will hold two workshops as part of the Western Mountain Senior College (WMSC) "To Your Health" series. Cathi, who has a degree in Home Economics Education, said her goal is to educate people about the importance of their food choices, not only for their personal health but also for the health of the community and the planet. She holds a variety of tasting workshops and educational sessions throughout the year.

Cathi's first workshop, "Follow the Rainbow through Healthy Food Choices" will be presented on Thursday, April 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church hall. She said, "Adding a splash of colorful seasonal foods to your plate makes for more than just a festive meal. A rainbow of foods creates a palette of nutrients, each with a different package of potential benefits for a healthful eating plan." This lively presentation will show us how easy it is to enjoy a variety of nutritional foods that supports one's health. She will also discuss menu planning, how to incorporate fiber into your diet and weight management.

"Tweaking Recipes to Accommodate Food Intolerances" takes place a week later on Thursday, April 14, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. also at the Bethel Congregational Church. Have a favorite recipe? Cathi will show us how to tweak it to accommodate special dietary concerns such as food allergies, lactose, and gluten intolerances. Plant-based foods are substituted for eggs, dairy and wheat. Cathi will give us gluten-free samples to try.

Cathi will have demonstrations and tasty samples as well as recipes and resource materials available at each workshop.

To Your Health is sponsored by WMSC as a community service with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and SAD 44 Continuing Education. Admission is free. For more information, call R. Tifft 824-2053.

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Telstar/Middle School Lunches

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Tuesday: Cold turkey and cheese sandwich, whole kernel corn, or Sunbutter and jelly.
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Thursday: Roast pork dinner, mashed potato, wheat roll, steamed carrots, or Sunbutter and jelly.
Friday: Brunch for lunch. Breakfast sandwich, potato Starz, chilled fruit, or Sunbutter and fluff sandwich.

Oxford County Democrats to hold spring meeting

The Oxford County Democrats will hold their spring meeting on Sunday, April 3 with a potluck supper, program and planning session at the Crescent Park School Cafeteria on Crescent Lane in Bethel. The meeting will begin with a social time at 4 p.m. and supper at 4:30. Those attending are asked to bring a food item to share.

The program will feature a presentation by Rep. Diane Russell of Portland, who is a native of Bryant Pond and the daughter of Tom and Gail Russell. She lives in Portland and represents District 120 in the Maine House of Representatives. Rep. Russell joined a group of Mainers in February and traveled to Madison, Wis., to support the workers defending the right to collective bargaining. She will share a short video of the trip and discuss the experience.

The planning session will include updates on the regional meetings planned for early May, the State House field trip tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, activities planned for the summer and fall months beginning with West Paris Old Home Days on June 10.

For further information on the Oxford County Democrats visit the Facebook page, or the website, www.oxforddems.org www.oxforddems.org, or call Cathy Newell, 875-2116.

Upton Historical Society plans May meeting

The Upton Historical Society's next meeting is Sunday, May 1, at 1 p.m. in the Upton School House. This meeting is the annual election meeting.

There was no response to the previous request for pictures or information about the bulldozer that Upton owned and used to plow the roads in the 1950s.

In the 1938 Upton Town Report, Superintendent of Schools Carrie M. Wight recommended $2,765 to be raised for the ensuing year school budget.

This money would cover all expenses including salaries, conveyance and fuel. There were 37 pupils registered for grades one through ten and one registered for secondary school.

Please send correspondence to Upton Historical Society, 367 Back St., Upton, Maine 04261 or e-mail to uptonhistorical@gmail.com.

Oxford County Pomona Grange to confer degree

Oxford County Pomona Grange 2 will confer the 5th degree on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Franklin Grange 124, Main Street, Bryant Pond. We have several guest officers assisting in the degree conferral. Before the meeting there will be a 6:30 potluck supper.

Dues for 2011 are now due for members of Oxford Pomona.

All visiting Grangers are most welcome. For information call Steve Seames, secretary, at 824-3393 or e-mail mrarchive@aol.com for details or questions.

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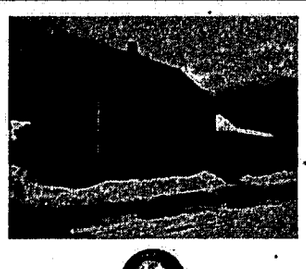

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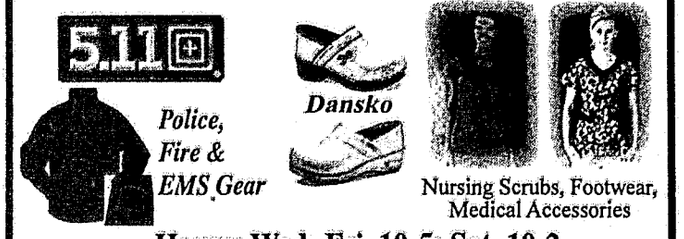

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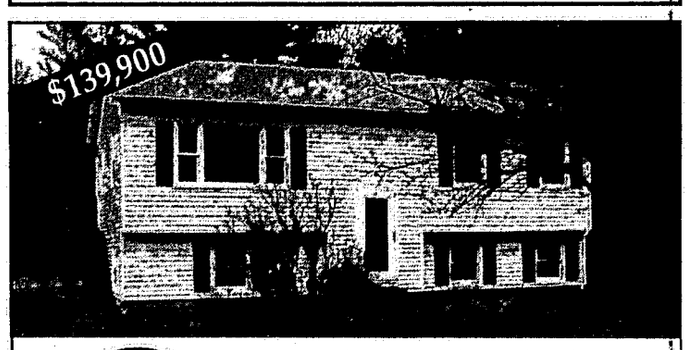

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Woodlands – Camp Lot
Newry & Hanover, Maine
Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 11AM
(Sale for all properties will be held at 2790 Main St., US Rt. 2, Hanover, Maine)

Parcel #1 ~ 430± Acres, Woodlands, Off Howard Pond Rd., Newry, ME: 63% hardwood, 37% mixed wood and 15% other per tree growth application schedule – mountain views – 7,000'± ff along town line. Newry Tax Map R2, Lot 5A.

Parcel #2 ~ 18± Acres, Riverfront, 2790 Main St., US Rt. 2, Hanover, ME: Androscoggin River frontage 1,250± ft. – 1,375± ff along US Rt. 2 (Main St.) – avg. depth of 356± ft. – river and field views – partially wooded. Hanover Tax Map R1, Lot 4.

Parcel #3 ~ 14± Acres, Camp/Wood Lot, 440 Howard Pond Rd., Hanover, ME: 960± ff along Howard Pond Rd. – across road from Howard Pond – mountain and pond views – raised elevation. Hanover Tax Map R2, Lot 10.

Reference should be had to the mortgage deeds for a more complete legal description of the properties to be conveyed.

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MLS 934889 Woodstock. Inviting open concept dormered saltbox in lovely private location convenient to Rte. 26 for easy commuting. Only two owners on this pretty dead-end tree-lined lane w/walking trails. Efficient home offers many quality features. Hot tub under back porch. NICE! **$199,900**

MLS 1002029 Woodstock. Gambrel style home on 7 +- acres. Lovely private setting yet conveniently located between Norway-Paris area and ski resorts. Home offers monitor and wood heat. Walk-out to open deck from nice sunny kitchen. Oversized garage for vehicle and wood storage. Drilled well. **$109,900**

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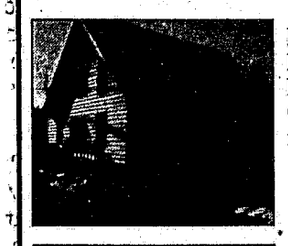
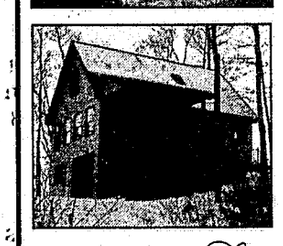


Hide A Way Lane, Bethel $249,900 Conveniently located new log sided home with lovely views and room to expand! This 3 bedroom, two bath home boasts a cathedral ceiling in the spacious, sundrenched great room. Gas fireplace. Private master suite. Large deck. Unfinished daylight basement and much more! Easy commute to Sunday River or Mt Abrams!

Paradise Pines, Bethel $209,000 Construction is complete! This new log-sided chalet will is ready for occupancy. Located in a quiet, wooded subdivision just off Paradise Road, with filtered mountain views. Open concept design with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, unfinished walkout basement, nice deck and more! Be close to town yet nestled in the pines on this 1.13 acre lot.



West Summit Road, Woodstock $183,000 This three bedroom, two bath cape chalet has plenty of windows to enjoy the expansive mountain views. Lots of exposed beams and pine boards, open concept living and kitchen area, full walk-out basement with garage door! Deeded right to snowmobile trails.

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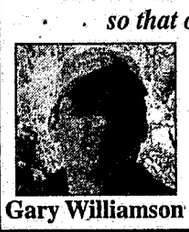

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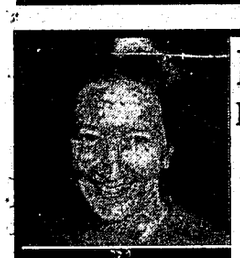

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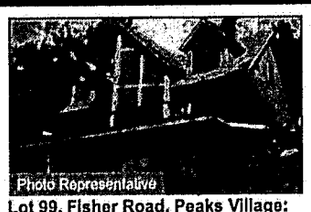
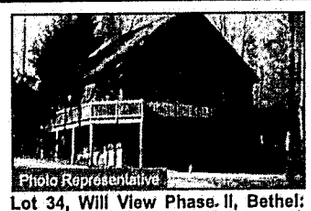
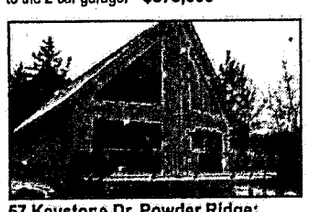


Lot 99, Fisher Road, Peaks Village: To be built: 4-BR/3.5-bath home. Features will include hardwood & tile floors, great room with floor-to-ceiling windows, open concept living area, mudroom & large deck. Finished basement w/family room, bath & bedroom/ office. Sunday River views. **$489,000**

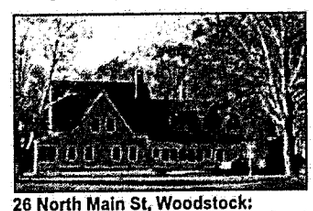


Lot 34, Will View Phase II, Bethel: To be built, 3-BR, 2-bath, log-sided chalet with family room in daylight basement. Features include cathedral ceiling, gas fireplace, wrap-around deck, tiled mudroom and open concept living area. Make your own selections on flooring, cabinetry and appliances. **$284,000**



57 Keystone Dr, Powder Ridge: 3,000-sq ft home, artfully designed, sold fully furnished. 5 BRS, 3 baths. Kitchen has Viking range, pot filler, concrete countertops, walk-in pantry & more. 3-sided wood-burning fireplace in living rm, gas fireplaces in master suite & family room. Sunday River views. **$579,000**

Eden Ridge Townhomes, Bethel: Unit 5F - The only end unit currently available. 2 BRs, 2 baths, open floor plan, a wood-burning fireplace, bright and sunny with sliding glass doors on either end. Upgrades include cork floor & new countertops in kitchen, new washer / dryer & new hot water heater. **$165,000**



26 North Main St, Woodstock: This house is best known for its gingerbread trim & pristine condition. Located across the street from Lake Christopher. Features 6 BRs, hardwood floors, tin ceilings, a large kitchen with a wood cookstove, a double parlor with pocket doors and a beautiful fireplace. **$149,900**

61 Greenbriar Rd, Newry: Enjoy the convenience of trail access onto Ridge Run from this spacious, authentic ski chalet. 6 bedrooms (including bunk room), 4 baths, 3 family rooms, several decks, a sauna, bar and slope views combine to make this a wonderful vacation property! **$945,000**

41 Forrest Lane, Greenwood: 3-BR/2-bath home in the South Pond Shores development. Open concept living/dining/ kitchen area with cathedral ceiling, master suite with loft area, deck & full daylight basement. Access to the shared beach on South Pond, individual boat slips & dock area. **$199,000**

33 King Pine Drive, The Colony: This newly constructed architecturally designed home has breathtaking views of the slopes. 5 BRs, 4.5 baths and filled with custom details. Features include a stone fireplace, large custom kitchen, coffered dining room ceiling, tiled baths and much more. **$1,059,000**

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Lot 19, Red House Farm Village: Only 1 mile from South Ridge Lodge and within walking distance to the free Mountain Explorer shuttle stop.The lot has views of Sunday River and is the only one available within this development. **$89,900**

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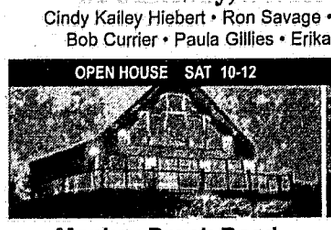

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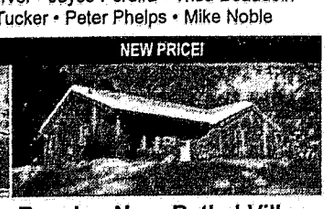

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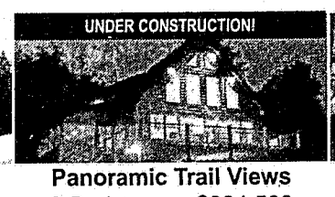

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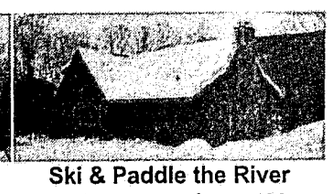

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LILLIAN M.C. McALISTER

Lillian Marie Clayton McAlister, 86, died at her home in Woonsocket, R.I., on the evening of March 14, 2011 surrounded by her loving family.

Lillian was born in Boston, Mass., on July 27, 1924, the daughter of Ashbel Clayton and Lillian Murphy Clayton. She graduated in 1942 from Roslindale High School. She received her R.N. certificate from the New England Hospital for Women and Children's nurse training program, and then served as a Walpole Visiting Nurse, as a private nurse for Edna St.Vincent Millay's husband, and as head of the orderly training program at Norfolk State Prison Hospital. In 1984 she was employed by The American Red Cross, and traveled to Beijing to attend the first U.S.-China Joint Nursing Conference sponsored by the Chinese Nursing Association after the dissolution of the restrictions of Mao's cultural revolution. She spent the remainder of her nursing career as a regional supervisor for the Red Cross pheresis program, retiring in 1998.

She had an empathy for the ill and unfortunate and an instinct for providing aid and comfort which earned her respect and gratitude from the many she helped in her professional and private life. She had a special tenderness for animals, and devotedly nursed many wild creatures and family pets back to healthy lives. They repaid her with loyalty and love.

Lillian had a flair for hospitality. She housed international exchange students while her children were in high school. While her son attended the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., she would often host his classmates who were too far from home to visit their own families. Once retired, she hosted reunions of her nursing class, and found many occasions to create a celebration. She was an excellent and creative cook, loved to have people at her table, and was a charming hostess. She also enjoyed gardening, painting, traveling, and all sorts of games, usually beating all who challenged her at Uno, cribbage, or Trivial Pursuit. She was an avid Paw Sox and Red Sox fan.

She was a former communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church in Walpole, Mass. and a member of and program director for the Catholic Sodality based at St. Catherine's in Norwood, Ma.

She leaves her devoted husband of sixty-one years, Glendon Herbert McAlister, formerly of Bethel, whom she married on Nov. 20, 1949, in West Roxbury, Mass.; her brother, Paul Clayton of West Roxbury, Mass.; and her cousin, Frances Hurley and husband David of Braintree, Mass. She leaves her children: Frank McAlister, Terri McAlister and wife Muriel Chenail, Jean McAlister Cowhig, Sean Cowhig, Mary McAlister and husband John Roemer, Marjorie McAlister Hynes, James McAlister, Helen O'Brien and Peter and Betsy Means. She leaves her grandchildren, Katie McAlister, Zachary McAlister-Migliorini, Ivy Richter, Mia Roemer, Steven McAlister and wife Melissa and their two children, her great-grandchildren, Joey McAlister, 8 years, and her (namesake) Lillian McAlister, 1 year.

A memorial service will be held on June 4, 2011, at noon, at the First Unitarian Church of Worcester, Mass. Messages of condolence may be placed on Lillian's memorial page at www.Legacy.com, or sent to McAlisters, 49 Homestead Road, Woonsocket, R.I. 02895.

HERBERT R. ADAMS

Herbert R. Adams, 78, of Scarborough and Lovell, died suddenly at Maine Medical Center on March 18, 2011.

Herb was born on April 19, 1932, in Philadelphia, Penn., to Leander H. Adams and Helen Richards Adams. He was a graduate of Colby College (1954), where he was involved in theatre productions and won the Levine Prize for public speaking and Harvard Graduate School of Education (1972). He also studied at Harvard Divinity School.

Herb had careers in the ministry and as a textbook editor and developer at several companies, the last of which was Laidlaw Brothers, a subsidiary of Doubleday & Co., where he served as president and CEO. He also taught English in public schools in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, and Maine, and served as a principal of the Middle School in the Oxford Hills School District.

Herb began his ministry while he was a student at Colby College, ordained by the Fairfield Methodist Church, where he served on weekends. Later while still at Colby, he commuted to Scarborough to serve the Pine Point Congregational Church, where he also served full-time after his graduation. He left there in 1956 to study at Harvard Divinity School.

Later, as a Unitarian Universalist minister he served churches in Maine, Massachusetts, New York State, New Mexico and Florida, sometimes simultaneously with other posts in teaching or publishing.

While in the Unitarian ministry, he authored a curriculum for church schools for the Unitarian Universalist Association Department of Education entitled "Project Listening," based upon his doctoral research and thesis about the importance of empathic listening. Later while in the publishing business, he co-authored a book, "Listening Your Way to Management Success."

Herb was a past president of the Norway Paris Kiwanis Club and various civic organizations in the Oxford Hills and Lovell areas. He had a particular interest in lakes conservation.

Herb enjoyed Heald Pond, his summer home of 42 years, golf, fishing, poker, theatre and jazz music. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his extensive extended family.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Mary Ryan Adams; his sister, Anne Adams of Lancaster, Penn.; four children, Ashley Adams of Roslindale, Mass., Joshua Adams of Ithaca, N.Y., Lee Adams of Dayton, Minn., and Rachel Adams of Minneapolis, Minn.; three stepchildren, Ande Hall of Pratt, Kan., Ken Hill of Milford, Mass., and Rich Hill of Geneva, Ill.; 12 beloved grandchildren, Sam Johnson, Jill Adams, Vanessa Johnson, Rebecca Adams, Jonno Hill, Hannah Adams, Tucker Adams, Reuben Adams, Calvin Adams, Jenny Hill, Ezra Hill and Nora Hill; five nieces and nephews; and his faithful Boston Terrier, Betty Boop. He was predeceased by parents; his infant brother, Hampton Adams; and a brother, Jon B. Adams.

Services to celebrate Herb's life will be held at the Norway UU Church, 479 Main Street, Norway on April 23, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Herb's memory to the West Paris Universalist Church, PO Box 36, West Paris, ME 04289, or to the Norway Unitarian Universalist, 479 Main Street, Norway, ME 04268.

DORYCE ARNDT BARRON

Doryce A. Barron of Durham, Maine, died March 23, 2011 at the Bodwell Nursing Home, Brunswick.

Doryce was born in Oakfield, N.Y., Nov. 26, 1925, the daughter of William and Zina Arndt. She spent much of her childhood years in Ohio, moving to Maine in 1942. She graduated in 1943 from Lisbon Falls High School, Lisbon, and from Boston University in 1947

For many years, she taught Physical Education in Lewiston High School, Lisbon schools and Gould Academy in Bethel.

After marrying Lawrence Barron in 1955, they moved to Wilton, and raised two children, Bill Barron and Jane Barron. She spent 20 years teaching physical education and special education in Dixfield and Farmington area schools.

Throughout her life, Doryce has led an active life, especially enjoying her retirement years, playing tennis, bicycling and gardening.

Doryce is survived by her husband, Lawrence; her daughter, Jane Barron of Kingfield; her son, Bill Barron of Wilton; her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Arlene and Charlie Siletti; her sister-in-law, Natalie Johnson; and many nieces and nephews. She will be remembered and missed by family and many friends. She was predeceased by her parents, William and Zina Arndt; her brother, Jack Arndt; and her sister, Martha Sulpizio.

You are invited to offer condolences and share memories with Doryce's family by visiting her guest book at www.crosmanfuneralhome.com.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at Hillside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make any donations in her memory to your favorite charity.

ROBERT 'BOB' KENISTON

Robert (Bob) Fiske Keniston, 90, of Bethel, passed away peacefully on March 29, 2011 after suffering a stroke.

He was born in Greenwood on Nov. 15, 1920, to Silas and Eva Fiske Keniston. He graduated from Gould Academy in 1938 and from the University of Maine in 1943 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served as Lieutenant in the United States Army during World War II, specializing as munitions instructor. He married the love of his life, Virginia Davis, on April 1, 1944 and together they raised a family of five in the home that he built on Chapman Street in Bethel.

Bob worked as a machinist and engineer in Bethel area wood processing mills. After retirement from Diamond International, as plant engineer, he began a new retirement career of woodturning, creating beautiful pieces that have made their way into many homes throughout the northeast. The Fryeburg Fair became an annual event for display of his wares.

Many a day was spent with a fly rod or a hunting rifle in his hand and those who knew him many heard stories of big fish and even bigger adventures. Bob and his wife, Ginny, had many adventures together in their 64 years of marriage; Alaska, Quebec and Labrador were only a few of their fishing grounds. Saturday night was reserved for dancing, which he did as he said he would "til' he was 90."

He is survived by his children, Martha Bangs and her husband Glenn of Dresden, Rachel McKnight and her husband Ted of Jericho Vt., David Keniston and his wife Jodi of Albany, Peter Keniston and his wife Stacey of Turner, and son-in-law, Lennie Shaw of Bethel; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and his special friend Mary Mcgaw.

He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia; daughter, Rebecca Shaw; and sister, Edith Morey. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

Memorial services will be held on Friday, April 1, at 11 a.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church in Bethel.

Engagements

Grover — Piawlock.

Mary Day of Bryant Pond is happy to announce the engagement of her son Michael George Piawlock of Bryant Pond to Jessica Marie Grover, daughter of Vicki Grover, Buckfield.

Jessica graduated from Haverhill High School, Haverhill, Mass., and is employed at McKesson Corporation, Lewiston, Maine.

Michael graduated from Telstar Regional High, Bethel, and is a self-employed carpenter in Bethel.

They plan to be married at 3 p.m., wJune 4, 2011 at Screw Auger Falls, Grafton Notch.

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Applicant: Grover Hill Holdings, LLC
Location: Map 1 Lot 41A, Grover Hill Road

Site Walk: Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 5:00 PM Map 1 Lot 41A, Grover Hill Road

Public Hearing: Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Town Office Meeting Room.

All application materials are on file in the Bethel Town Office; please contact the Planning Assistant or Code Enforcement Officer for additional information.

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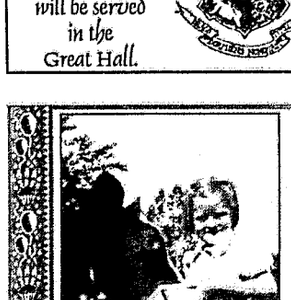

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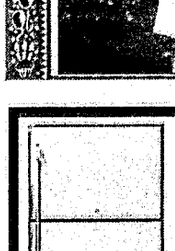

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